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Bishop Camacho ill following lung surgery

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REPORTER

Bishop Thomas A. Camacho was not able to attend the culminating mass of the 20th Asia Pacific Encounter at Mt. Carmel Church in Chalan Kanoa yesterday because of the prelate's ill-health.

Camacho

Rev. Fr. Ryan P. Jimenez said the Bishop's "level of energy is never the same as it was before" and said this has something to do with a lung surgery the bishop underwent last May.

Camacho joined the opening day dis-

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CUC sets aside three-fourths of budget for fuel

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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. is allotting three-fourths of its projected earnings on fuel expenses, shows the utility's fiscal year 2009 budget plan.

The budget proposal, submitted to the House Ways and Means Committee, states that CUC expects to collect $138.8 million from customers in FY2009. Of that amount, $103.2 million will go to fuel and lubricant costs, $24.7 million will go to administrative and operations costs, and $10.9 will go to payroll costs.

The budget plan was prepared in September 2008, and does not take into ac-

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Report: US Marines' move to Guam to cost more than $10.3B estimate

By TOMOKO A. HOSAKA
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TOKYO (AP)—The planned relocation of 8,000 U.S. Marines from Japan's southernmost island of Okinawa to Guam may cost more and take longer than initially expected, local media reported Sunday.

The transfer, part of a bilateral agreement to realign the U.S. military presence in Japan, could be delayed until at least 2015 and exceed the initial $10.3 billion estimate, the *Yomiuri* newspaper said, citing unidentified sources.

With the U.S. Department of Defense likely facing budget cuts in the wake of the U.S. financial crisis, the government

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PILGRIMAGE TOUR NAZARIO RODRIGUEZ JR.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial expresses appreciation to the members of the Shikogakuen Mission during their annual pilgrimage tour and peace ceremony at the Banzai Cliff Memorial Park Saturday.

Sablan

Kilili to travel to DC to start transition

The presumptive winner of the CNMI's first ever-congressional delegate election will travel to the Washington, D.C. on Friday, Nov. 14, 2008, to attend the orientation for incoming U.S. House of Representative members for the 111th Congress.

Gregorio "Kilili" Camacho Sablan, in a press statement, said, "Although I will not have been certified the winner of the election by the time I leave for Washington, the people of the NMI have waited too long to be represented so I'm not going to miss any opportunity to start building relationships in Congress and learning about the tools the Delegate will have to improve life in the CNMI.

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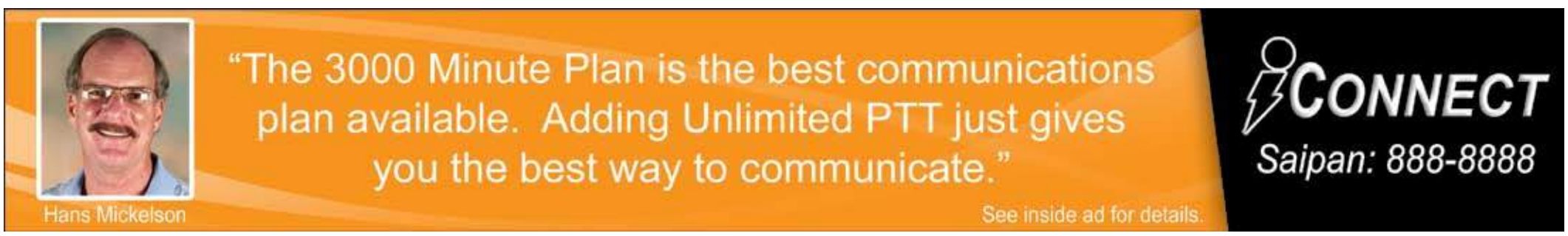
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DLNR opposes Northern Islands homestead proposal

By AGNES E. DONATO
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REPORTER

The Department of Lands and Natural Resources has opposed a proposal to create village and agricultural homesteads in the Commonwealth's northern islands.

DLNR Secretary Ignacio Dela Cruz, in a letter to the House Committee on Natural Resources, raised concern about the cost of offering homesteads in Sarigan, Anatahan, Alamagan, Pagan, and Agrihan.

Dela Cruz said that the bill does not address infrastructure development, which he said must be done before building new homesteads.

"[T]he potential problems that could arise from developing residential and agricultural homesteads without first putting in the basic infrastructure is multiplied manifold," he said. "If the intent of the bill is to continue past development practices of permitting outhouses and opened cesspool in a residential development, then the bill hit the nail right on the head."

Dela Cruz also said the Legislature should consider the cost not only for the government, but also for the residents that eventually would be living in the Northern Islands.

"Bottom line, we believe practicality is the only good way for developing meaningful plans. Any other way is a recipe for failure and waste. The biggest question that should be asked is, whether the government is ready to absorb the cost for developing and populating

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Tim must give passport back 24 hours after returning from Guam

Lt. Gov. Timothy P. Villagomez is required to return his passport to the Office of the Clerk of the District Court of the NMI within 24 hours of his return to Saipan whenever he travels to Guam.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Alex R. Munson also required Villagomez to advise and request for his passport from the federal court no later than 24 hours prior to his intended departure to Guam.

Munson issued such requirements in his recent order that granted the lieutenant governor's request to travel to Guam where his counsel, David J. Lujan, is staying.

Villagomez

Villagomez, through Lujan, and the U.S. government, through assistant U.S. attorney Eric O'Malley, filed a stipulation in court to amend Villagomez's bail conditions to allow the lieutenant governor to travel between Saipan and Guam for the purpose of preparing for trial.

The trial of Villagomez along with his co-defendants has been set for March 23, 2009. Lujan's main office is in Guam.

Munson agreed that due to scheduling conflicts that may arise between now and trial, Lujan requires the flexibility to meet with Villagomez in Guam to prepare for motions hearing,

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An Open Letter to the Business Community

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Labor finds resto owner liable for wrongful termination of waitress

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REPORTER

The Department of Labor has found a restaurant owner liable to pay contractual damages to its waitress who was wrongfully terminated.

Labor Administrative Hearing Officer Jerry Cody ordered Sheu's Brothers Holding Co. Ltd. to pay $4,477.40 in contractual damages to the waitress, Vivian Elayda Lua.

Cody ordered Sheu Brothers to pay $50 to Lua as reimbursement for unpaid medical expenses that she incurred.

Cody also directed the company to pay Lua attorney's fees, at least for that portion of the case that concerns the wrongful termination claim.

The hearing officer, however, ruled that no unpaid wages are due to Lua.

Cody also did not award liquidated damages to the complainant with respect to the contractual damage issue.

Lua's transfer is no longer at issue as it was already granted to her on Aug. 14, 2008.

According to Labor records, Lua filed the labor complaint against Sheu's Brothers in July 2007.

The complaint alleges unpaid wages and wrongful termination and asks for awards for unpaid wages for work performed, contractual damages for wages not provided, and for liquidated damages.

In March 2005, the company opened its Ocean Palace Restaurant in Chalan Kanoa and hired nonresident Lua as a waitress.

On March 14, 2005, Lua and respondent company entered into a written employment contract that was later approved by the Labor director.

The contract was scheduled to expire on March 16, 2006. The contractual rate of pay is $3.05 per hour with time and a half pay for overtime.

At the start of the employment, respondent gave complainant the choice of being paid hourly or at a flat monthly salary of $500, plus $50 for a housing allowance. Complainant chose to be paid the flat monthly salary.

During the course of her employment with respondent, complainant had occasional problems with her work attendance and work performance.

On May 31, 2005 and after several verbal warnings, respondent gave Lua a "final written warning" regarding these issues.

In late June 2005, Mr. Sheu, made a two-week trip to the mainland U.S., leaving his wife, Yue Fang Sheu, in charge of the restaurant.

Around June 26 and 27, complainant missed several days due to an illness and tension grew between Mrs. Sheu and complainant over her absences.

Mrs. Sheu demanded medical excuses from a doctor. Complainant produced one doctor's notice, but then was absent again on July 1 and 2, due to her ongoing illness.

On July 2, complainant informed Mrs. Sheu that she was ill and complainant again visited a medical clinic and obtained a doctor's slip.

On July 3, 2005, when complainant attempted to return to work, Mrs. Sheu angrily told her not to come to work anymore.

A few days later, complainant was told by a co-worker, Natalia Santos, to come to the restaurant where complainant spoke with Tzu Ming Sheu by telephone.

In that conversation, Mr. Sheu told complainant that she had abandoned her job and was terminated.

Shortly thereafter, complainant sought assistance from the Federal Ombudsman's Office and filed a labor complaint against respondent.

On the wage claims, Sheu Brothers denied that complainant had to work more than eight hours per day or that she worked more than five days each week.

In his order, Cody said neither party was completely credible on these issues.

"For its part, the respondent-employer prepared time records, to show that complainant worked eight hours per day, five days per week, but these did not necessarily reflect exact minute-by-minute details in each worker's schedule," he said.

As to complainant's time cards, Cody said Mr. Sheu claimed he had deliberately overlooked times when complainant had arrived late for work or was absent for entire shifts.

"Thus, none of complainant's alleged tardiness or absences were recorded on the time cards," Cody said.

In conclusion, Cody finds that Lua failed to prove by a preponderance of evidence that she worked more than 40 hours per week that is specified in the contract.

"Minor fluctuations in the schedule were most likely not recorded accurately in either party's documentary records," he noted.

Cody said on the more substantial issue of whether Lua worked a full seven days every week, the testimony of complainant is not believed when evaluated against the combined testimony of Mr. Sheu and co-worker, Santos, who corroborated Mr. Sheu's version of events rather than complainant's version.

"Based on the factual evidence presented, the hearing officer finds that no unpaid wages are due to complainant," he said.

On the termination issue, Cody said Lua gave a credible and accurate testimony regarding her telephone conversations with respondent—both Mrs. Shue and Mr. Shue—in early July 2005.

Cody said Mrs. Sheu refused to accept the legitimate medical excuse offered by complainant on July 2, 2005. Then, the hearing officer said, several days later, Tzu Ming Sheu told complainant by telephone that she had abandoned her job and was terminated.

"Even though the employer issued no written termination letter at that time, the employer's statements on the telephone left complainant with the unmistakable impression that her employment had been terminated," he said.

While the respondent denies making the statements attributed to him, Cody said he finds complainant's testimony on this issue more credible than that of respondent.

As to any grounds for termination, Cody said, the record

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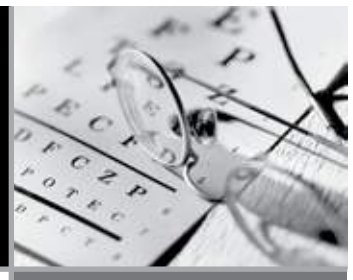

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Alamagan, Sagrihan, Pagan, and Agrihan. Without feasibility studies and proper planning, the answer is obvious—it is not yet time," he said.

Currently, residents of these islands do not hold deeds or titles to the land they have lived on for decades. Although many of them qualify to receive village and agricultural homestead lots, they have not been granted homestead permits.

Under the bill, sponsored by Rep. Justo S. Quitugua, qualified Northern Islands residents will be granted homesteads, as well as exempted from the requirements applied to homesteaders on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. The requirements include completing a three-year homesteading period before the compliance certificate and quitclaim deed are issued. A homesteader also must build a house and occupy it within the two years after the homestead permit is issued. Further, a homesteader must continue occupying that house throughout the third year.

The proposed legislation says these regulations should be waived for Northern Islands residents. "The situation of the islands north of Saipan, which lack transportation and communication services, makes it extremely difficult for the residents of these islands to communicate and or commute to the island of Saipan to get materials and supplies; and to take care of their other needs, such as, to claim for the properties they have lived on for years," it states.

DANCE OFFERING NAZARIO RODRIGUEZ JR.

A lady in traditional Japanese garb performs a dance during the Shikogakuen Mission's annual pilgrimage tour and peace ceremony at the Banzai Cliff Memorial Park Saturday.

CUC

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count the recent decline of oil prices. It is not clear how the plunging fuel costs will impact the budget plan. However, CUC already has taken steps to reduce power rates.

According to CUC's budget submission, power service collections are projected at $130.95 million, water service collections at $6.24 million, and sewer service collections at $1.64 million.

"Of the total operating expenses, CUC's largest expense is production fuel and lube," the budget notes. "The FY2009 budget projects total fuel and lube expense at $103.2 million, a 36.2-percent increase from FY2007 actual fuel and lube purchases at $62.2 million."

CUC's personnel costs, estimated at $10.9 million for FY2009, is down by nearly $1 million or 7.6 percent from FY2008. Of the total payroll cost, about one-fourth or $2.8 million is for retirement contributions.

The personnel count remains at 339. Although it remains the same as FY2008, the number represents the outcome of a steady decline since 2005, when CUC employed 400 employees. Out of the 339 authorized full-time positions, 270 are active and 69 are vacant.

CUC expects to spend $11.3 million on purchased power, including $4.6 million for Aggreko's temporary power, $6.7 million for production out of the Puerto Rico power plant, and $1.2 million for Telesource CNMI's production on Tinian.

In addition, some $2.5 million is set aside for debt service, including final payments to CUC's long term debt of $0.9 million due to Telesource CNMI for the 10-megawatt power plant on Tinian, $0.46 million due to the Commonwealth Ports Authority for wharfage fees, and $1.12 million for the CPA sewer line project.

Furthermore, CUC allocates $5.4 million for repairs and maintenance. This includes $3.3 million for the engines at the power plants. The water division will receive $300,000 million, only about half of its $570,000 request. The wastewater division will get $310,000. CUC Rota will get $350,000 for general transmission and system repairs.

"All divisions require additional funding for [repairs and maintenance], thus, CUC is aggressively working on getting grants to assist with its necessary improvements," CUC says.

KILILI

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Since I will already be in D.C. on the 17th, which is the 18th CNMI time, I will be there just in time for the orientations once the tabulation of absentee ballots is completed."

During the trip to the nation's capital, Sablan also plans to meet with the CNMI's Resident Rep. Pete A. Tenorio to discuss transitioning the CNMI Washington Representative's office into the new CNMI Delegate's office.

The press statement read, "Now that the election is over, we must move forward and work towards our goals of bringing prosperity and sustainability to the CNMI and its people; we must all come together, in order to bring about the change that is desperately needed."

Sablan said he had spoken to Tenorio and "we both understand the importance and historical significance of this extraordinary moment."

He continued, "CNMI Washington Representative Pete Tenorio and I will work together to ensure that an orderly transition takes place between our offices. He has extended his hand to me in friendship and for that I am deeply grateful. The orderly transition of power is a hallmark of democracy. It reflects the will and conscience of a people. The road ahead will be long, the journey will be one filled with challenges, hope, opportunity and change. Working together indicates that we are already on the right path."

In what he called an effort to "underscore the spirit of unity and bipartisanship," Sablan will be accompanied by House Floor Leader Joseph Camacho, a member of the NMI Republican Party who has supported Sablan's independent bid for congressional delegate.

During their trip, Sablan and Camacho will schedule meetings with key Congressional members. They plan to meet with Congressman Nick J. Rahall, II (D-WV), Chairman of the House Committee on Natural Resources; Congresswoman Donna M. Christensen (D-VI), Chairwoman for the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs; Congresswoman Madeleine Bordallo (D-GU), Chairwoman of the Subcommittee on Fisheries Wildlife and Oceans; Congressman Eni Faleomavaega (D-AS), the dean of Non-Voting Delegates and a long-time champion of the federal law that created the non-voting Delegate for the CNMI; and Congressman Bennie G. Thompson (D-MS), Chairman of the House Committee on Homeland Security.

Sablan also plans to meet with the Hawaii Delegation to Congress: Sen. Daniel K. Inouye who is expected to be the Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee; Sen. Daniel Akaka who is the Chairman of the Senate Veterans Committee; Congressman Neil Abercrombie who is a member of the Natural Resources Committee; and Congresswoman Mazie K. Hirono who serves on Chairman George Miller's Education and Labor Committee. ***(PR)***

LABOR

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does not reflect conduct that would justify terminating complainant for cause.

The company has taken the position that complainant was never terminated in July 2005.

"However, there is no evidence that respondent ever offered complainant her job back after she filed this claim and it became clear that she believed she had been terminated," Cody said.

The hearing officer determined that the employer breached the contract by terminating complainant's employment without proper notice and without proper cause as required by the contract.

TIM

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to review discovery, and to prepare for trial.

The judge ordered Villagomez to advise and collaborate with the Office of U.S. Probation relative to his travel to and from Guam.

The deadline for Villagomez to file pre-trial motions was set no later than Nov. 10, 2008.

Villagomez, former Commerce Secretary James Santos, Joaquina Santos, and former Commonwealth Utilities Corp. executive director Anthony Guerrero were indicted with conspiring to bilk CUC out of thousands of dollars through business deals involving needless chemical purchases for CUC.

Villagomez and the Santos couple maintained their innocence against the charges. Guerrero had already entered a guilty plea. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

BISHOP

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cussions of the four-day 20th APE last Friday morning at the Palms Resort Saipan.

He was expected to be present at the mass but at the last minute called and asked to be excused. Jimenez said the bishop preferred to stay at home.

Over 80 participants from as far as Australia, Vietnam, South Korea, Taiwan, and host CNMI joined the mass. The event is a biennial gathering of members of the Cursillo Movement in the Asia-Pacific Region.

The group has offered prayers for Bishop Camacho's speedy recovery.

"We really wanted him to be part of the occasion. The success of this Encounter is that we draw support from the bishop. The spirit is there but the body is weak, said Jimenez.

Just last Sept. 18, Bishop Camacho submitted his mandatory resignation as Bishop of Chalan Kanoa when he turned 75.

According to Canon law, Bishop Camacho is required to turn in his resignation on his 75th birthday and wait for a response from the Vatican.

Jimenez explained that the resignation letter had been sent to Archbishop Charles Daniel Balvo, Apostolic Delegate to the Pacific, who will turn it over to the Holy See, Pope Benedict XVI.

Balvo earlier visited the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa from Jan. 28 to Feb. 3.

"We're still waiting for the result. The next step is for the bishop to give three nominations for the next bishop," Jimenez said.

After that, the next process would be for the Vatican to have a background check on the three nominees.

This transition would take one year.

Jimenez said the Holy See might even extend Bishop Camacho's term but this "would really depend on the Pope's decision."

But because of his present condition, Jimenez said the bishop told him that he might not be able to stay.

"The bishop is tired," he said.

There is no information yet as to when the bishop will announce his three nominees.

REPORT

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may ask Tokyo to foot a bigger portion of the bill, the Yomiuri said. Japan has thus far agreed to contribute about $6 billion for the transfer.

In New York on Wednesday, Adm. Timothy Keating, the senior U.S. commander in the Pacific, suggested that the relocation may not happen by 2014 as planned but reiterated that it would go ahead despite looming budgetary constraints.

"The two governments of the United States and Japan have recommitted at the very highest levels—prime minister and president—to the eventual success of the (agreement)," Keating said, according to the U.S. Department of Defense.

A report by the Government Accountability Office suggested in May that the project could be pushed back, citing inadequate infrastructure in Guam and the growing fiscal burden on both governments. In September, it said costs could balloon beyond $15 billion.

However, a senior Defense Department official said Saturday that Washington still aims to complete the relocation by 2014.

"This reflects our shared determination to realize the new alliance posture expeditiously and in a manner that strengthens deterrence while reducing the size of the U.S. footprint in Okinawa," said David Sydney, deputy assistant secretary of defense for East Asia, according to Kyodo News agency.

The Marines who will be moved to Guam, a U.S. protectorate, are part of the 50,000 troops currently stationed in Japan under a bilateral security pact.

A delay would likely affect the timetable for another major part of the agreement inked in 2006—relocating the U.S. Marine Corps' Futemma Air Station north of Ginowan to Nago in a more rural part of Okinawa.

The deal grew out of long-standing complaints in Okinawa about noise and crime related to the heavy U.S. military presence there. Okinawa is about 1,000 miles (1,600 kilometers) southwest of Tokyo.

House OKs bill to ease rules on Rota casino fees

The House of Representatives has passed legislation that will remove a restriction on the use of funds collected from Rota casino licenses and fees.

Hocog

The bill, now awaiting Senate action, will authorize the Rota Casino Gaming Commission to utilize collected fees even though the casinos the paid the fees are not ready to open.

Under existing law, the commission is prohibited from using such funds. It is required to place the money in escrow or until three years have lapsed from the date the license was issued, whichever occurs first.

Rep. Victor Hocog, sponsor of the bill, has reportedly argued that this requirement was an unnecessary and unjustified burden.

The bill also proposes to amend the Rota Casino Act so that it would comply with the existing tax code, specifically relating to the gross revenue surtax and gambling revenue tax. Currently, the Rota Casino Act imposes a 10 percent tax on gross gaming revenues, which is inconsistent with the CNMI's existing tax law. If the bill is signed into law, Rota's tax laws relating to casinos would be the same as Tinian's. ***(Agnes E. Donato)***

LISS prepares for 2009 Winter Camps

Ladera International School of Saipan is focused on building up the winter camp study abroad programs for Korea, Japan, and China set from December 2008 to February 2009.

The winter camps will offer a variety of English learning opportunities for overseas students as well to students on island.

"Aside from learning English, LISS will also be looking at offering computer classes, science experiments camps, library reading programs combined with research and presentation," said LISS director Wayne Pangelinan.

Being at the forefront of developing the education-tourism element for the CNMI, LISS has been receiving tremendous support from the government.

"Communications on this industry with LISS continues as the current administration supports the movement of education-tourism," said Commerce Secretary Michael Ada.

LISS is expected to lure in approximately 100 students during the months from December to January.

"Our children in the CNMI are invited to participate in these learning experiences. During the Christmas breaks, we welcome our children to register and partake in these opportunities," said Pangelinan.

From January through February 2009, LISS will open up after-school programs to keep children occupied and be productive in becoming lifelong learners.

"With our experience in pushing the education-tourism market for the CNMI, we avail these opportunities to our children in the CNMI where they can make new friends, enjoy profound knowledge in an educational atmosphere," said Susan Satur, LISS 3rd grade teacher.

"LISS being involved with making and developing change in the Commonwealth toward education is a worthwhile experience for me as I know we at LISS are doing something right," she added.

The winter camp opportunities come in on a first come first serve basis, please contact the school for more details at 288-2006. ***(LISS)***

Man charged for damaging store's ice freezer

The Attorney General's Office has charged a man who damaged the ice freezer at a store on Saipan.

Joseph Arriola Manibusan, 31, was charged with criminal mischief and two counts of disturbing the peace.

Manibusan was summoned to appear and answer the charges in the Superior Court on Dec. 1, 2008 at 9am.

Chief Prosecutor Kevin Lynch stated in the charging information that on April 9, 2008, the defendant damaged the ice freezer at 153 Market.

Lynch said that that on same day, the defendant disturbed the peace of Benjamin Bemen Higgins and Jaime Sanchez Taitingfong.

In other court news, the Superior Court has summoned a 27-year-old man to appear on Nov. 17 at 9am to answer the charges for assault and battery with sexual contact.

The charging information stated that on Oct. 3, 2008 Jesse Manuel Iguel Norita rubbed the victim's groin area while she was sleeping.

No other details were indicated. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

AGO prosecutes woman for allegedly forging Tinian Municipal Council's check

The Attorney General's Office has charged a woman who defrauded the Tinian Municipal Council by forging its check.

Lesly Ann SN. Macaranas, 33, was charged with forgery and theft.

Macaranas was summoned to appear and answer the charges at the Superior Court on Tinian in Dec. 12 at 9am.

Chief Prosecutor Kevin Lynch stated in the information that on July 22, 2008 on Tinian, the defendant with intent to defraud the Tinian Municipal Treasury or "with knowledge that she was facilitating a fraud altered the writing (Bank of Guam check) of another without authority from the other person."

Lynch stated that on the same day, the defendant stole the Tinian Municipal Treasury's property or the proceeds of the Bank of Guam check issued by the Tinian Municipal Council to pay the Pacific Telecommunications Inc. (PTI).

No other details were indicated in the charging information. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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Memorial to NMI's fallen service members completed

Just in time for Veterans Day, a memorial dedicated to all U.S. military service members of the Northern Mariana Islands who have died in the line of duty will be unveiled on Capitol Hill today.

The Fallen of the Northern Mariana Islands Photo Memorial will hang in the second floor lobby of the Juan Atalig Sablan Administration Building. The memorial commemorates active duty service members of the Commonwealth who have died since the Vietnam War. The project is spearheaded by Lt. Gov. Timothy P. Villagomez.

"When I walked the halls of Congress last year and saw how each state had posted photos of all their war dead from Operation Iraqi Freedom, I wanted our men and women in uniform to have the same honor," said Villagomez.

The individuals commemorated are CPL Frederico V. Dela Cruz, CPL Gregorio Lizama Pangelinan, CPL Vicente Pinaula Moreham, SSG Yihiyh "Eddie" Lang Chen, SSG Wilgene Tudela Lieto, CPL Derence Weilbacher Jack, SGT Jesse J. Castro, LCPL Adam Quitugua Emul, CPL Lee Roy A. Camacho, PFC John Derek Flores, CPL Victor M. Fontanilla, CPL Joe Junior Gogue Charfauros, Seaman Ana Marie SN. Camacho, and SSG Julian Aquiningoc Manglona.

"I made a promise to each family that their service would not be forgotten by our community. This is a promise kept," said Villagomez. "I invite all the family members and the community to come and view the memorial."

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The Fallen of the Northern Mariana Islands Photo Memorial hangs in the second floor lobby of the Juan Atalig Sablan Administration Building.

Villagomez also acknowledged the donation of Kautz Glass Company and the assistance of the Office of Military and Veterans Affairs in making the memorial possible. ***(PR)***

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Dems say thanks for voting

The NMI Democratic Party issued a statement Saturday extending its appreciation to all supporters who voted in the Nov. 4 election.

"Not only do we have our first delegate, but we also have our first black president. We will keep you posted regarding our Democratic Appreciation Party and victory party for our president-elect Barack Obama later this month, where we will also be conducting our NMI Democrat registration drive. On behalf of the NMI Democratic Party, we thank you for your support," the statement said. ***(PR)***

NMC English placement tests

The Northern Marianas College will be conducting an English placement test on the following days:

■ Dec. 10	5pm - 8pm	RoomD-1
■ Dec. 11	9am - 12pm	Room D-1
■ Jan. 8	5pm - 8pm	Room D-1
■ Jan. 9	1pm - 4pm	Room D-1
■ Jan. 14	9am - 12pm	Room A-6

No admittance to the testing room will be allowed after the starting time.

Those who wish to take the test must bring a valid photo ID (driver's license, passport or school ID) and pencils.

There is a $25 fee for the English Placement Test that must be paid in advance at NMC's Finance Office (Monday to Friday, 9am - 4pm). Students will not be admitted to the testing room without proof of payment (a receipt for either the placement test fee or the NMC application fee). Payment for the application fee will cover the English placement test fee.

If you have any questions, call Mark Haag at the Languages & Humanities Dept. at (670) 234-5498 ext. 1733 or 1212. ***(NMC)***

Live fire training today on Farallon

The Emergency Management Office and the U.S. Naval Forces Marianas Guam si warning the public that the U.S. military would be conducting live fire training on the island of Farallon de Mendenilla today, Nov. 10.

Today's training will be from 7am to 6:30pm.

The general location of this activity will be on the island of Farallon de Mendenilla Training Area (R7201) on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants.

Because of the danger inherent to this activity, EMOis strongly advising the public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators—to stay away from this area during the time and date indicated.

For more information, contact the EMO's Operations Section at telephone numbers 322-9528 and 322-9529, VHF MARINE CHNL 16, and HF Single Side Band Radio on 5.205.0. ***(EMO)***

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AGENDA

I. Call to Order
- A. Welcome & Introduction
- B. Presence of a Quorum

II. Consent Items
- A. Adoption of Agenda
- B. Adoption of Minutes May, 2008

III. Election of Officers
- A. Re-election of ICC Chair

IV. Orientation

V. Coordinators Report
- A. Annual Performance Report
- B. Discussion of Improvement Activities to be added, revised deleted etc.

VI. Other Business/Miscellaneous/Announcement

VII. Next Meeting: Dates, Times, Location

VIII. Adjournment

Pacific

PACIFIC BRIEFS

Fiji's Bainimarama congratulates Obama

SUVA, Fiji (Fijilive)—Fiji's interim Prime Minister Commodore Voreqe Bainimarama has congratulated U.S. President-elect Barrack Obama's election, expressing hope for better bilateral relations. In his congratulatory letter, Bainimarama labeled Obama's historical win "a wonderful expression by the people of the United States of America of their confidence in your leadership and agenda for change," according to a Government statement. Bainimarama said, "We in Fiji are also pursuing change in a whole range of areas pertaining to governance of our country for achievement of genuine and true parliamentary democracy and lasting peace and prosperity for our people. I trust your administration will render us a more understanding and conciliatory approach in helping move Fiji forward. I look forward to working closely with you and your Government in the strengthening of our two countries' bilateral relations and of our collective support for regional cooperation." Bainimarama's 2006 coup strained relationship between Fiji and the USA.

French Polynesian court grants Flosse deferral

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (Radio New Zealand International)—The French Polynesian judiciary has given the veteran politician, Gaston Flosse, another three months to appear in court over the alleged misuse of public funds following the 2004 general election night. Mr Flosse, who was the territory's president, organised a massive reception for his Tahoeraa Huiraatira Party at the presidential palace on election night assuming he would increase his majority and win another five-year term. After his shock defeat, the entertainment bill was left for the new government to pay but the administration of Oscar Temaru refused to do so. Mr Flosse, who in September was re-elected as member of the French senate, is in Paris and his lawyer has won a deferral of his case until early February. Meanwhile, the lawyer has failed to get a further extension in another case related to the alleged misuse of public funds over the hiring of so-called 99 fake employees. The court refused the demand, which leaves Mr Flosse five days to take the matter to a higher court in France.

One island, two kings in South Pacific

Tiny Futuna crowns new king

SUVA, Fiji (Oceania Flash)—The tiny kingdom of Futuna, which belongs to the French Wallis and Futuna islands, Northeast of Fiji, has on Thursday formally crowned a new King after the position was left vacant in February this year.

The coronation of the monarch, 65-year-old Petelo Vikena, a former public servant, who is traditionally known as the "Tuigaifo" took place in the small village of Alo and was marked by a religious ceremony followed by custom and traditional rituals, including kava ceremonies and offerings from allied families and chiefly clans.

French authorities, as well as several chiefly clans representatives, attended the coronation ceremony, where spear-wielding dancers, pigs offerings and much tapa ornament (in a traditional style close to Samoa's) also featured.

But some chiefly clans earlier disapproved of Vikena's choice which, they said, did not result from a consensus among chiefly and royal clans and families, but from a unilateral decision from the chiefly council.

Vikena's predecessor (who was crowned in November 2002) was deposed mid February this year as a result of a unanimous decision taken by the four chiefly clans on this French Pacific island.

The four chiefly clans were then understood to have made the decision following criticisms on the management style of the high chief.

There are two Kings on the island of Futuna: the Tuisigave, for the Kingdom of Sigave and the Tuigaifo, for the kingdom of Alo.

Petelo Vikena, a father of eleven children, spent most of his professional career in metropolitan (where he served in the French army) and later in New Caledonia as a Nouméa Town Council officer.

On Wallis island, after the death of the King of Wallis in May 2007, the throne on the neighbouring island had also remained empty until late July this year.

The impasse was widely regarded as the result of a simmering conflict between traditional clans on Wallis, who each claim to be next in line for the throne.

Since last year, the muted, behind the scene confrontation has been a sensitive issue and has foiled any attempt to appoint a successor.

Iran to pay travel expenses of Solomons students

Solomons students to study medicine in Cuba

HONIARA, Solomon Islands (Solomon Star)—The Solomon Islands government is believed to have accepted an offer by Iran to meet the travel costs for Solomon Islands medical students studying in Cuba. Iran made the offer in talks in New York last September, sources said.

The funding is the latest to emerge since the revelation last week that the Coalition for National Unity and Rural Advancement (CNURA) government was engaged in secret bilateral talks with the Tehran government.

Foreign Minister William Haomae, and his Permanent Secretary, Barnabas Anga, were in Tehran last week.

Details as to how much money was involved are sketchy.

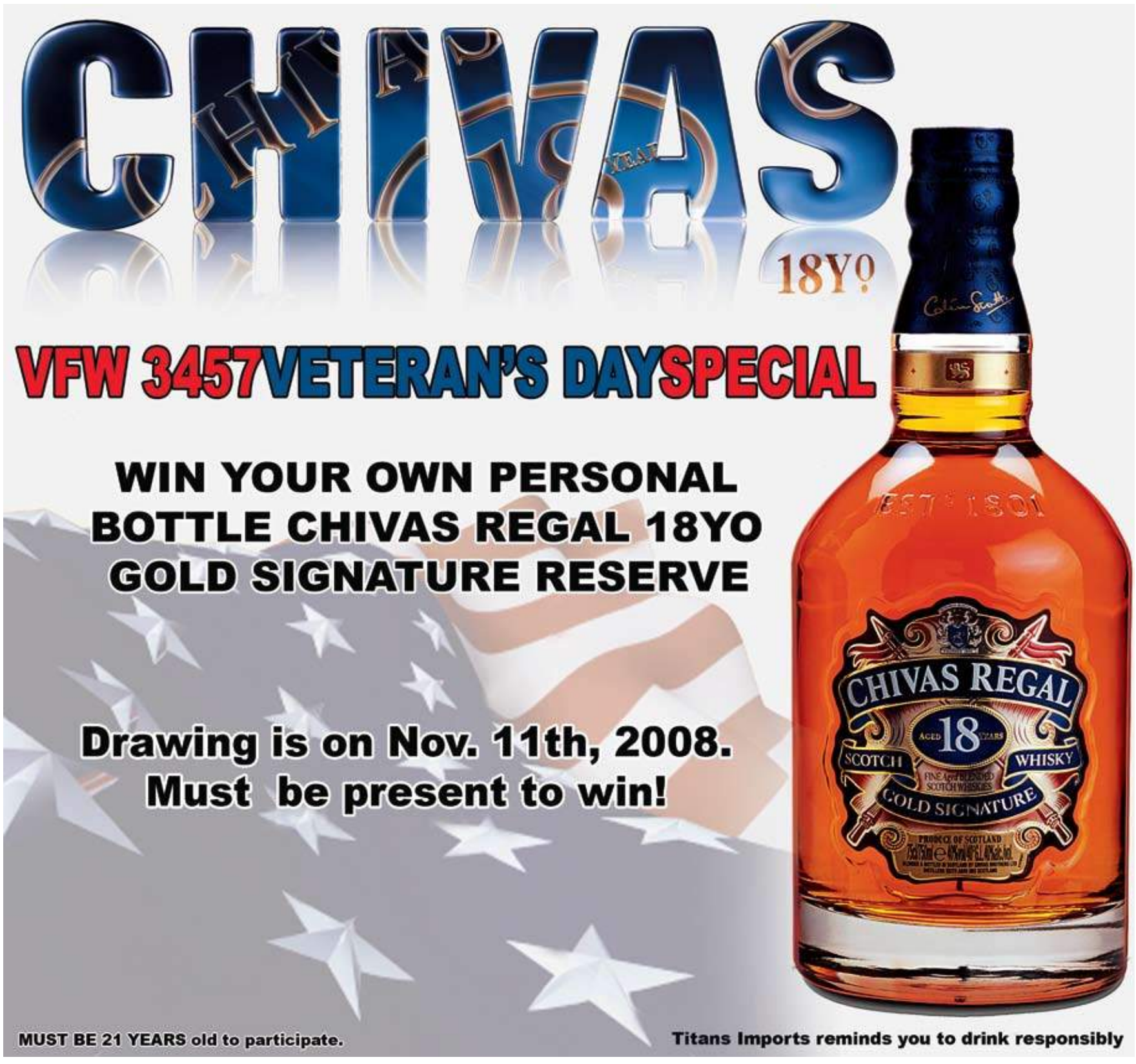
The sources said the Government has accepted the offer and the money had been paid via the Solomon Islands Mission [Embassy] at the United Nations in New York.

The Iranians, the sources said, would also provide computers for our medical students in Cuban medical schools.

Iran's offer to meet airfares and to provide computers were agreed in talks in New York last September when Prime Minister Dr. Derek Sikua was attending the United Nations General Assembly [UNGA].

Many of the students who were accepted for training in Cuba could not travel this year because of shortage in funding. With the new funding source, more students will be on their way to Havana.

Training Solomon Islands medical students in Cuba was first initiated by Manasseh Sogavare's government.



Chinese mining company denies PNG 'racket'

Reports of illegal aliens brought in by hundreds

PORT MORESBY, Papua New Guinea (PNG Post-Courier)—The Chinese mining company, Ramu Nickel, has hit back at reports claiming there may be another racket of corrupt officials admitting Chinese, for a fee and stating "Ramu project" as their destination, and "engineer" as their occupation.

The response comes after recent reports of last week's tally of 46 Chinese entering PNG and out of this figure 36 were listed as engineers.

The Post-Courier has copies of entry cards into Papua New Guinea for the months of September and October for Chinese coming in as engineers and managers for Ramu Nickel, which indicate more than 200 came into the country in a month (on four flights) and in two months about 400 of them were recorded. Last week, serious concerns were raised by security agencies responsible for the security of the nation that the Government should not turn a blind eye on these issues as it is a major threat to the security of Papua New Guinea. And concerns have also been raised that something must be done to these Chinese who are not only coming en-route to Ramu Nickel but are being disposed of in Port Moresby, Kimbe and the border provinces for cheap labour. Concerns have also been aired after the paper's story that all agencies that denied Chinese invasion reports should now bury their shame and work towards fighting this phenomenon.

But Ramu Nickel yesterday hit back saying: "This is a scandalously untrue allegation against a major mineral development project, which is too busy making a huge contribution to the PNG economy, to be trafficking in illegals.

"It is laughable, and also libelous. But there may be another racket. Are corrupt officials admitting Chinese, for a fee, and stating 'Ramu Project' as their destination, and 'engineer' as their occupation? There are not hundreds and hundreds of illegals sloshing around pushing brooms at Ramu…it is a tight construction site, everyone with a job, managers driven by Beijing to get the $US1.4 billion spent and making a profit. This is a big time project, run by very motivated professionals, not a bazaar. Wu Xeufeng, project corporate affairs manager, Ramu Nickel also stated that: "The numbers they provided are too high. In any case Ramu nickel workers, upon arrival into PNG, are directly dispatched to the site at Madang. The company has never sent the project people to other parts of PNG to be engaged in other activities.

"We cannot verify whether they are or somebody is using our name entering into PNG, but the possibility can not be ruled out."

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4. Clearance Letter from the Department of Labor
5. Certificate of Compliance from the Revenue & Taxation Office
6. Workmen's Compensation Policy
7. Name of Insurance Company(ies) Currently Dealing With
8. A list of on-going/completed projects showing name of project, start and completion dates, and contract amounts **including** three (3) reference letters from owners of the projects
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11. Articles of Incorporation & Company By-Laws, if applicable

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Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

November 11, 1999

US Senate spares NMI
Local officials expressed relief yesterday when the U.S. Senate voted down legislation seeking to extend to the CNMI a raise in the federal minimum wage, a move that would have hiked present rate of $3.05 to $6.15 an hour. Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio welcomed the news, but said the Commonwealth will continue to hammer out its own plan to allow a gradual increase in the local minimum wage level to avoid economic disruption.

Kidnap attempt draws new security concerns
The kidnapping attempt on the son of one of Saipan's biggest garment manufacturers has triggered fresh concerns from the government regarding public safety and growing criminal activities on the island. Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio has summoned administration officials for a meeting tomorrow to discuss the case, and seek ways to prevent such incidents in the future.

Leaking diesel tank spills 1,000 gallons
Approximately 1,000 gallons of diesel were spilled from the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s Lower Base power plant facility, located just a few meters away from the Saipan Lagoon shoreline. Visiting U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region IX official Mike Lee, an environmental engineer, disclosed that one of the CUC tanks containing diesel was found to be leaking some months ago, necessitating the emptying of the tank.

Cleanup team takes on Garapan drainage
As representatives from different government agencies prepare for a major cleanup of the Garapan drainage system tomorrow, the Environmental Interagency Cleanup Operation Team said the effort is just a springboard toward the rehabilitation of other tourist spots on Saipan, some of which have become illegal dumping sites. "Once we're done with Garapan, we will address other areas next," said EICOT chair Benny Pangelinan, coastal coordinator at the Coastal Resources Management Office.

November 11, 2001

Suspected drug peddlers fall
Two other suspected drug traffickers fell to the hands of authorities on the same day, including Paul Villanueva Ada, who is also known as Paul Madok, face exposed. Besides the two, authorities presented Zhen Rong Yang, not in photo before the Superior Court yesterday. (John Ravelo) With Gov. Juan N. Babauta stressing the need to beef up local enforcement to curtail illegal drug trade, CNMI operatives yesterday scored against suspected drug traffickers, arresting three of them-including a businessman.

DPS vows: More to follow
Authorities are now looking into a possible operation of a drug cartel in the Commonwealth following the arrest of four individuals in separate operations over the weekend, which yielded undetermined amount of cash and illegal substance. Police Commissioner Edward Camacho refused to associate the arrested individuals to a drug syndicate but he also did not rule out the possibility that the suspects may be involved in a bigger drug trafficking operations in the Northern Marianas.

November 11, 2004

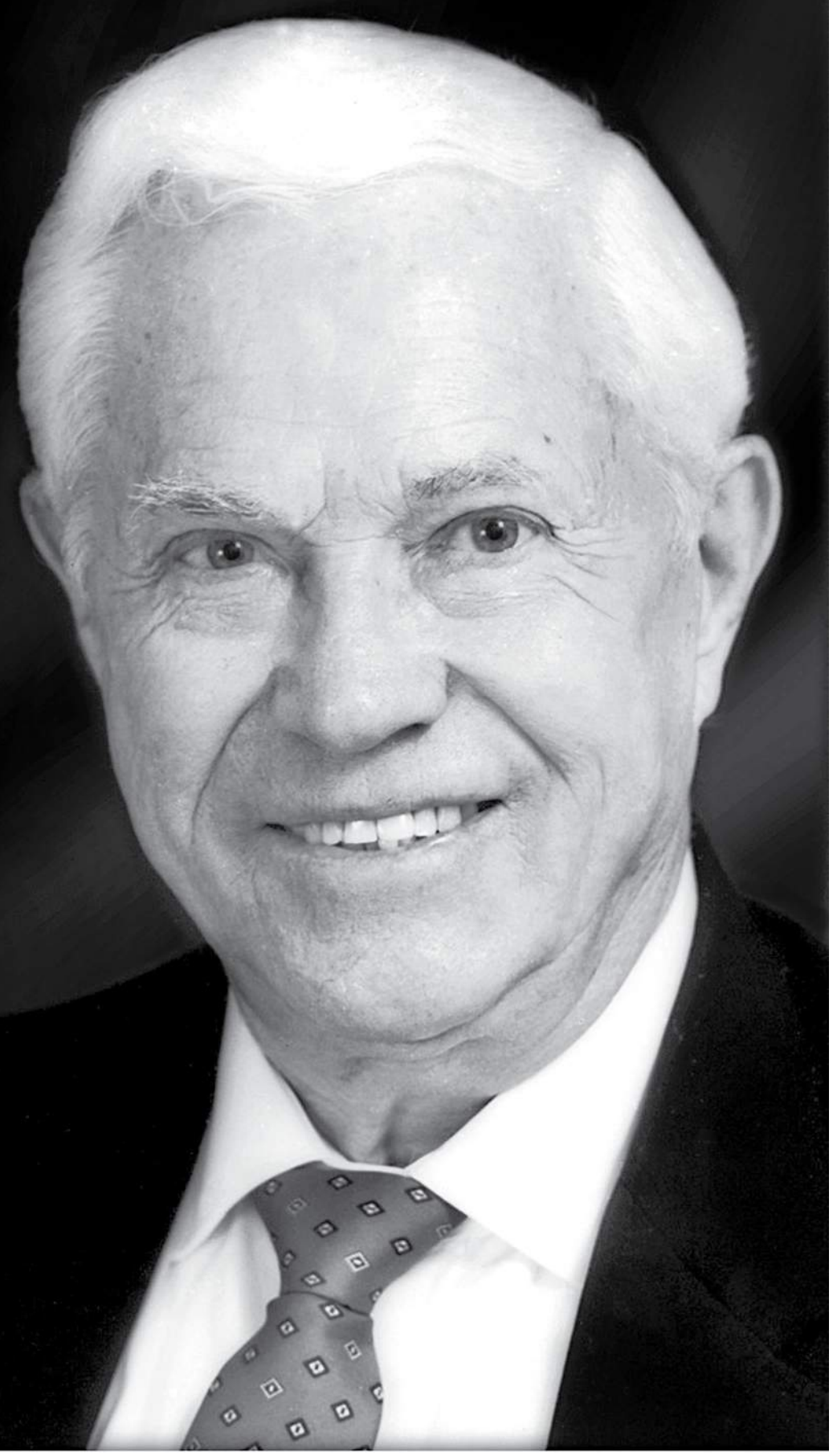
$3.4M land payment stopped
Only last week, a Saipan family stood to receive $3.45 million as compensation for the property where the Marianas High School sits. That family may now end up with nothing, after the Attorney General's Office said the payment of the land compensation might be illegal. Assistant attorney general Benjamin Sachs asked the Commonwealth Development Authority on Monday not to process a $3.45-million drawdown request made by the Marianas Public Lands Authority for the benefit of the Maliti Estate.

Karidat welfare aid declines in 6 years
The number of immigrants in the CNMI receiving assistance from Karidat has declined in the last six years. Records from Karidat showed that from an average of 400 welfare families from 1998 to 2001, the number dropped to just over 200 in 2003.

In Memoriam

The life and passing of
Mr. Kenneth Thomas Jones, Jr.

of Guam and North Carolina will be memorialized at a prayer service on Veteran's Day, Tuesday, November 11, at the Dulce Nombre de Maria Cathedral Basilica beginning at 2:00 p.m. "KT", as he was often called, passed away October 30 in his birth state of North Carolina and was buried alongside his parents Christiana B. and Kenneth T. Jones, Sr. and brother Watson and his wife Janie.



He is survived by his wife Elaine Cruz Jones of Agana Heights and daughters Vivian and husband Charles Lubrecht of Forestburg, N.Y.; Linda Jones and fiancé Howard Wesner of Raleigh, N.C.; Veronica and husband Edward Ellis, also of Raleigh; Ramona and husband Juan Carlos Benitez of Washington D.C. and Donna Marie Jones, also of Washington D.C.

His grandchildren are Bryan Leone; Frank, Kenny, Nino and Lisa Caruso; Sean and Eric Ficke; and Reina Isella Benitez. His great grandchildren are Haley, DeLori and Sonia Leone and Isaiah, Kenneth and Noah Caruso.

He is also survived by his brothers and sisters Georgia Stafford, Mary Estelle Lawrence, Mack H. Jones and wife Dolores, Bill L. Jones and wife Shirley, all of Raleigh; Ruth Hartsell of Henderson, N.C.; and Robert H. Jones and wife Margaret of Guam.

Kenneth Thomas Jones, Jr.

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Slaughter of bats on Rota

The news Friday that poachers have killed off hundreds of endangered Mariana fruit bats on Rota in the last few months was horrific, an abomination that must not go unpunished. The report, issued by the Division of Fish and Wildlife, was chilling, and the scale of the crime was magnified by the wanton destruction of two roosting sites, the places where these animals breed and raise their young.

In one colony roost site, DFW employees found no bats at all and the ground was littered with .410 and 12-gauge shotgun shells. They also discovered carcasses of the endangered species. "Based on the state of decay and the garbage left behind, it was determined that the illegal hunting occurred on or around Oct. 26," the report said.

The same poaching activity was discovered in a routine survey on Nov. 1 at another fruit bat colony, where fresh blood on rocks and empty .410 and 12-gauge shotgun shells were found. A dead juvenile male and female bats and an infant still clinging to her mother were also found.

Because of these poaching activities, about 10 to 14 percent of the islands' fruit bat population has been decimated, according to DFW biologists. The current fruit bat population went down to about 1,000, compared to the estimated 2,500 in the 1990s to 2000.

"Hunting at fruit bat colonies is particularly harmful as the colonies are primarily composed of females, infants and juveniles, with few breeding males. The hunting of females with young decreases the chances for population growth," DFW said.

Mariana fruit bats produce only one young at a time, which may stay with the female for at least a year. Because of this, reproduction is very slow and in turn causes the population to grow slowly.

The DPS on Rota has already been notified about these poaching incidents and it has vowed to go after those responsible for this dreadful crime but it has yet to show anything for its "efforts." Even more dismaying, if true, are unofficial reports that one of those spotted hunting these endangered species was an influential political figure. Let's hope that's not true but if it is, that shouldn't stop the Rota DPS from doing its job.

The fact that some dead bats were found at one of the roosting sites means these hunting activities were not even for subsistence consumption but probably for commercial purposes, with the hunters evidently intending to sell the bats to local gourmands. This should alert local environmentalists, who could tip off the police and even Crime Stoppers of anyone selling Mariana fruit bats for food.

In fact, everyone on Rota should be on the lookout for these perpetrators because this reckless disregard for one of those things that make Rota unique means these people don't care one way or the other about the future of the island. Being apathetic to this butchery does not bode well for local ability to be careful stewards of the environment—exactly the argument being offered by those who oppose the marine monument proposal. If you want to be believed you're capable of taking care of local resources by yourselves, then prove it. Catch these poachers and subject them to the fullest extent of the law. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

The road to prosperity—Part III

By ANTHONY PELLEGRINO
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Pellegrino is a longtime businessman in the CNMI and is the former president of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce.

After reading last Monday's column, you will have realized that not only is the government broke and on the verge of bankruptcy, but we, 70 percent of the people, are living on the poverty level or below. Despite this, no one talks to us about how we can improve our situation. Instead, everyone is asking for more handouts from the U.S. or is running away from the island.

Have you heard the saying: "Being poor is a state of the mind. But being broke is a temporary situation?" In other words if we think we are poor, regardless of the money we receive, we will always be poor because we think poor. However if we lose money or are temporary short of it, our endeavors will bring the money back. I hate to tell you how much money I have lost in investments, but I have always bounced back. Being out of money or short of it is a temporary situation if we are willing to work to regain it. Which are you?

Hopefully some of us realize that we must change our attitude and accept that most of the reasons we are in this economic depression is our own fault. Too many of us have been greedy or lazy. Another reason is that we tend to be suspicious of outsiders. Many of us believe that all outsiders want to take away our land, make huge profits off of us, and care little for us and our culture.

Some of the blame also lies with how the United States adopted us as a Commonwealth. It did little to education us about the philosophy of the United States. We went to bed one night and presto—we woke up as U.S. citizens. Let me quote from Bill Stewart, a fine and sincere economist: "I'm beginning to wonder if the United States largess hasn't made "dependent cripples" of the islanders and sapped their ability for "self-reliance." But let's not dwell on the past but use it as a bridge to the future.

I feel that one of the first problems we must resolve is our relationship with the United States. Either we accept the United States as our adopted country and leader, or we should move on and break away. We opted to become U.S. citizens and we must act so. I don't always like what the U.S. does but it is my country and "family." There is no other way we can enjoy the lifestyle we are enjoying without the United States. What would our life be without the United States as our benefactor? Think about it.

Also remember that we are not sending any of our money, not even a nickel, to support the U.S. We keep all taxes collected here. No one in the United States pays only 10 percent income taxes. They pay much higher rates. Yet we keep receiving millions of dollars from the citizens in the U.S. to support us. I believe if the people there understood that, they would not be very happy with us and our attitude.

I was born in Pennsylvania, a state in the United States. Never once have I heard anyone living there speak about breaking away from the United States because the U.S. infringed on his state's rights. We are citizens of our country first and second, citizens of the state or commonwealth we live in. Do you really think we are citizens of the CNMI first and second, citizens of the U.S.? If you feel that way, than turn in your passport and stop enjoying all the monetary and social benefits.

This is the first step to prosperity. We must identify who we are. By making this decision, we will know who we are and to whom we pledge our loyalty. Knowing who we are gives us strength and direction. It gives us a feeling of belonging. I am not saying we should

I feel that one of the first problems we must resolve is our relationship with the United States. Either we accept the United States as our adopted country and leader, or we should move on and break away. We opted to become U.S. citizens and we must act so. I don't always like what the U.S. does but it is my country and "family." There is no other way we can enjoy the lifestyle we are enjoying without the United States. What would our life be without the United States as our benefactor? Think about it.

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Letters to the Editor

My chill factor in good morning, America!

"And so it came to pass that on Nov. 4, 2008, shortly after 11 p.m. Eastern time, the American Civil War ended, as a black man—Barack Hussein Obama—won enough electoral votes to become president of the United States." Thus, began Thomas L. Friedman's post-US Election column in the New York Times.

Great sentiment, but when I joined my San Vicente class the other day and announced my delight over Obama's election, one of my local students blurted out: *"the black Nigger?"* I was stunned. It was a knee-jerk response of a child echoing something he learned from his home and culture.

The stun was actually a chill down the spine. Listening to Obama give his Chicago Grant Park speech, deep within the euphoria of the moment, a chill ran down my spine when he got to the part about what's ahead. He said, *"The road ahead will be long. Our climb will be steep. We may not get there in one year or even one term, but America—I have never been more hopeful than I am tonight that we will get there. I promise you—we as a people will get there."* He echoed MLK, Jr.'s thoughts in Memphis before a cold-blooded trajectory pierced his cheek and lodged a fatal metal in his spine.

Obama alluded to Lincoln later when he added: *"Let us resist the temptation to fall back on the same partisanship and pettiness and immaturity that have poisoned our politics for so long. Let us remember that it was a man from this state who first carried the banner of the Republican Party to the White House—a party founded on the values of self-reliance, individual liberty, and national unity."* Short of 10 days 103 years before MLK, Jr. went down, John Wilkes Booth terminated Honest Abe at the Ford theatre in Washington, D.C.

The chill had gotten terrifyingly familiar. Forty-five years ago, in another November month in a small town radio station in Tuguegarao, Cagayan, in the Philippines, I had to read the news item from the wire service about the young American President who had become my hero gunned down in downtown Dallas, Texas. In my late teens as a budding student broadcast journalist, I would first feel the pangs of despair and terror that would occupy a niche in my soul.

Five years later in '68, I would attend Southern Methodist University in the rich section of Highland Park in Dallas. There I spent my first semester picketing the laundry mat a few buildings behind the Hilton on Central Expressway that boldly displayed the sign, "for whites only." I also learned to avoid walking down fraternity row where it was a badge of honor to be a member of John Birch Society, headquartered a couple of blocks from my school dorm.

The second thing I did was to register my protest against the war in Vietnam, joining a noon prayer vigil by the University flagpole almost everyday with my New Testament professor. I joined an MLK, Jr.-led March to Arlington Cemetery, Virginia, in a cold February morning against the war in Vietnam, and heard the 39-year-old Baptist Pastor explain how the war was siphoning the assets of the war on poverty, while indiscriminately committing homicide on countless lives of people we callously referred to as "gooks" at the New York Ave. Presbyterian Church. Young and symbiotically basking in the awesome presence of contemporary prophets in the March, I returned to Dallas only to have the chill run down my spine once more.

Two Filipino sailors from a neighboring Naval Air Station Base outside Dallas dropped by my SMU dorm early April and when it became obvious that they downed enough malt whiskey to impair their driving ability, I offered to drive them back to their Base in their sports car. Shortly after getting out of town, the owner of the car realized that I was not covered by insurance. I let him take the steering wheel, an almost fatal mistake.

Going 65 mph, we rear-ended a stopped car at a stoplight down a hill that the driver failed to see while he was busy conversing with his partner in the front passenger seat. My last utterance when I realized what was about to happen was, *"Boy, what a way to go."*

In the back seat, I regained consciousness 30 minutes later to the sound of sirens and the smell of gasoline. Quietly crawling out to a public phone by the roadside, I called my roommate who came to picked me up without haste. Adrenaline-drained, I had to be wheeled stiff and frozen to the University dispensary where I was treated for a couple of days. My girlfriend in school in Greensboro, N.C., in tears phoned and reported on her city aflame and the assassination of Dr. King, then being shown on TV. It was then that my attending nurse, otherwise pleasantly rotund and gay, Texas twanged-out: *"Thank God, they finally got the Nigger!"* With clenched fist, I decided that it was strategically smart to clench my teeth and shut my mouth, as well. I was in her medical care, and I was not about to jeopardize my health in my condition.

A month later, having supported Eugene McCarthy's lonely vigil against LBJ and HHH in the White House, a classmate and I on our way to our summer jobs in the Northeast watched the California Primary returns on TV at a hotel on 43rd St. in New York City. Conceding way after midnight that, perhaps, RFK had a better chance against the current White House residents, we were resigned to support Robert Kennedy, only to be rudely awakened a few hours later by the news of a Palestinian-delivered .22 caliber bullet snuffing the life out of the New York Senator.

There had been other chills since, not the least of which was Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino's welcome at the Manila International Airport one August '83 day while I was boarding a domestic flight from Manila to Legaspi City to start a U.S. Peace Corps volunteers training. That night, I was one unhappy Ilocano who drowned his sorrow in the juice of the vine.

Richard Deats of the Reconciliation and Non-Violence Center feared the unspoken but often hinted spectre of an assassination. He prayed: *"Let your Light surround and protect Barack Obama, that he continues to inspire us all, especially the young, the marginalized, the cynical, the despairing who have found in him reason to hope and, perhaps for the first time, to work for a world of justice, peace and freedom."* Amen.

My chill factor over Obama's election may just be what is needed to remind myself of A. J. Bacevich advice in his book, The Limits of Power: "… to imagine that installing a particular individual in the Oval Office will produce decisive action on any of fronts is to succumb to the grandest delusion of all. The quadrennial ritual of electing a president is not an exercise in promoting change … The real aim is to ensure continuity …"

Yes, indeedee! We can pronounce the Jesus messianic word to Jerusalem again: *"You wait for the Son of David to deliver you from the Romans. I have good news for you. No one is coming, and I am it."* One among many brothers who followed him, John XXIII, was once quoted as saying: *"I often think of things at night and I think to myself that I should tell it to the Pope in the morning, only to wake up and realize that I am the Pope."* Obama dramatically preached that gospel to us once more. We have met our savior. We are it.

But though the task is clear, it will take some time in the doing. One front for me, the changes that need to happen in the CNMI school system will not happen if we wait around for the executive and legislative branches of government to take the initiative. Nor will we have a highly effective teachers' group and an effectively taught studentry if we do not network and associate ourselves as teachers and powerfully inject our creativity and wisdom into the system.

Herman Greene in North Carolina opines: *"The election of Obama opens new possibilities for us all--not that he will do our work, but that we can do ours."* Famed author Alice Walker in her open letter to Obama chimes: *"We are the ones we have been waiting for."*

And I hum "We Shall Overcome" while a young boy in the front row of my class have yet to hear and learn the message.

Jaime Vergara
Via email

THE ROAD

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stop being Chamorro or Carolinian, but we owe our loyalty to the country that adopted us and to the country we adopted. We cannot have it both ways.

The next step to prosperity is to examine our resources. What do we have to offer in the marketplace. Economic growth comes from having something to offer to others—something they want and are willing to pay for it. In other words, in marketing, a businessman tries to find out what the market is buying at any given time. It is not what the businessman has to sell, but what the market is buying.

We have beautiful skies and beautiful scenery with unpolluted waters; we have large vacant pieces of land; we have a unique culture; and because of our close proximity to Asia's crowed cities, we are able to offer a retreat from their heat and congestion. I wish I could add an educated and skilled labor force. Perhaps in the near future.

Are we using these attractions to our greatest advantage? Let me illustrate one industry that we always talk about but do not really practice very well. We strive hard and spend much money to create a tourist market. How many of us know anything about welcoming tourists? How many of us get involved in getting to know any tourists or welcoming them? Do we stay aloof and just count the money we can drain from them? How many of us just let the Marianas Visitors Authority run this industry and hope we make money?

Tourism is a difficult and highly competitive industry. To be successful it involves community effort. All citizens must participate. Tourism is more than unique attractions. It involves people that make tourists feel welcome. Do we and our children learn anything about tourism and how to treat tourists to our islands? Why are so few of us locals involved in this industry when it is our main one? When is the last time you we said, "Hello, Welcome!" to a tourist? Think about it.

I could go on and on and discuss what we should be doing to revitalize our economy. But I am only one person with a small voice and few ideas. Most of you have better ideas which could be utilized to help our community. Unless all of us sit down and decide what the CNMI has to offer to the world, we will always be dependents.

All of you have ideas as well as I do on how to improve, but for some strange reason, we do not implement them. Regardless of the reasons, unless we change our attitude and walk bravery into the 21Century, we will never recover. We must decide what is important to us, what it will take to obtain the goals, and how to change our attitude and some of our prejudices towards outsiders.

I firmly believe we have great potentials and great assets to earn our keep. But we keep looking backward and do not see the diamonds under our feet. How I pray that we open our eyes, ears and understanding of what we can be! Skies, landscape, oceans and other natural wonders have no feelings and cannot think. But we humans can think. How we use our assets makes all the difference in the world.

Think poor and we remain poor. Think rich and we become so. As Napoleon Hill states in his book: ***Think and Grow Rich—***

"**What the mind of man can conceive and believe, he can achieve."**

Let us conceive and believe and we will achieve all our goals.

I believe in us and in our ability to uplift ourselves. Join with me and let's do it! Put the past behind. Today and tomorrow awaits us. Let us join forces as we march on the road to prosperity. Have a great day!

Thank you

To all my supporters, friends, and family, I would like to say thank you very much for all your hard work and dedication. I am grateful for everything you have done. Although I did not fair well in this election, it did not have anything to do with you. I take full responsibility for the outcome because I didn't work hard enough to overcome the challenges. For this, I apologize to each and every one of you. I will not mention names to save you the embarrassment but you know who you are.

To my mother-in-law, brothers- and sisters-in law, you guys are the best. Throughout this entire campaign, everyone stayed positive and one heart. I know you guys believed and still believe in me and that is what truly counts. I am sorry for putting you all through this because I just dropped it on you without saying anything. Yet, you guys picked it up without a complaint and took off. When I sit down and think about it, it makes me emotional to know that you care so much for me and I'm not even your own blood. It shows I am part of the family.

To Greg "Kilili" Sablan, congratulations. I wish you the best and hope you will be successful. To all the other candidates, good campaign and the best of wishes. To the Kagman Komunidat Association, Office of Youth Affairs, The Associated Students of the Northern Marianas College, and the CNMI Youth Congress, and the Chamber of Commerce, thank you for allowing all the candidates to present ourselves to the public.

To Mr. Bennett and the *Saipan Tribune*, thank you for giving me an avenue to express my views and opinions in the editorial forum. To Brad and Edwin, thank you for shooting the video for You-Tube for all the candidates. If I have left anyone out, thank you.

To the people of the CNMI, you have spoken and now, lets move forward.

Chong Man Won
Via email

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Showers	▲88	▼79
Palau	Showers	▲85	▼77
Yap	Rain	▲85	▼78
Chuuk	Rain	▲87	▼78
Pohnpei	Showers	▲84	▼77
Kosrae	Showers	▲88	▼80
Majuro	Showers	▲86	▼75

Around The Globe

Auckland	Cloudy	▲66	▼59
Beijing	Sunny	▲57	▼34
Hong Kong	Sunny	▲75	▼64
Honolulu	Mostly Cloudy	▲80	▼73
London	Rain	▲54	▼43
Los Angeles	Mostly Sunny	▲68	▼52
Manila	Thundershowers	▲85	▼77
Melbourne	Cloudy	▲76	▼57
Miami	Mostly Sunny	▲81	▼68
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲54	▼38
Osaka	Mostly Cloudy	▲58	▼46
Paris	Rain	▲52	▼40
Pusan	Sunny	▲60	▼43
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲63	▼46
Salem	Showers	▲53	▼44
San Francisco	Partly Sunny	▲60	▼49
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	▲61	▼37
Tokyo	Mostly Cloudy	▲58	▼47
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲57	▼38

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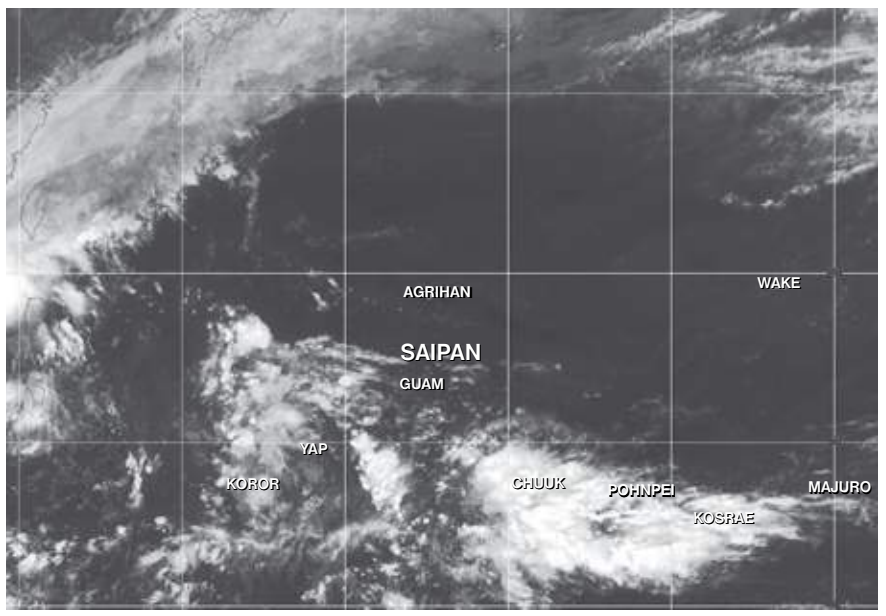

PICTURE TIME: 1:20PM, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2008
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

An upper-level low is centered northwest of Yap near 13N132E. Surface convergence is combining with upper-level divergence to create scattered showers and a few thunderstorms near the low and southward over Koror to near the equator within 125 miles of a line from 18N133E to 10N135E to 3N132E. Similar weather is also seen between Yap and the Marianas within 90 miles of a line from 16N138E to 5N144E. Trade-wind convergence is coupling with favorable upper-level dynamics to produce numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms over a large area over Chuuk. Pohnpei and Kosrae. This area is south of a line from 10N146E to 10N152E to 7N168E. Scattered showers are found over Kwajalein and Majuro between 3N and 11N from 168E to 180.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

05:03AM Today	High Tide:	1.6 Feet
10:50AM Today	Low Tide:	0.6 Feet
04:58PM Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet
11:49PM Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:17AM	5:45 PM
Tuesday	6:17AM	5:45 PM
Wednesday	6:17AM	5:45 PM
Thursday	6:18AM	5:45 PM
Friday	6:18AM	5:44 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	3:10PM	2:56AM
Tuesday	3:53PM	3:51AM
Wednesday	4:40PM	4:50AM
Thursday	5:33PM	5:54AM
Friday	6:33PM	7:01AM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2008

DEPARTURES

Saipan-Rota

CO9597	11:50am	12:25pm	1,7

Saipan-Guam

CO9317	5:00am	5:50am	Daily
CO9313	8:30am	9:20am	Daily
CO9597	11:50am	1:20pm	1,7 via Rota
CO9601	12:30pm	1:20pm	2,3,4,5,6
CO9603	3:30pm	4:20pm	Daily
CO9605	6:30pm	7:20pm	Daily
CO9599	9:30pm	10:20pm	Daily

Saipan-Narita

NW 099	5:00am	7:40am	Daily
NW 078	8:25am	1:30pm	2,3,4,5,6,7
NW 075	4:55pm	7:30pm	Daily

Saipan-Osaka

NW 083	4:30pm	7:20pm	Daily

Saipan-Nagoya

NW 078	8:25am	11:05am	Daily

Saipan-Seoul

OZ 604	2:30am	6:20am	1
OZ 604	2:40am	6:30am	2,3,4,5,6,7
OZ 606	3:20pm	7:00pm	Daily

Saipan-Busan

OZ 608	3:50am	7:20am	1,4,5,7

Saipan-Shanghai

OZ 608	1:30am	4:30am	2,6

Rota-Guam

CO 9597	12:50pm	1:20pm	1,7

Guam-Manila

CO 893	5:50pm	9:10pm	3,5 via Koror
CO 933	8:00pm	9:40pm	Daily
PR 111	6:00am	7:50am	1,2,4,6,7

ARRIVALS

Rota-Saipan

CO 9598	3:25am	4:00am	5,6

Guam-Saipan

CO 9316	2:30am	3:20am	1,2,3,4,7
CO9598	2:30am	4:00am	5,6 via Rota
CO9596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily
CO9600	10:20am	11:10am	Daily
CO9602	2:00pm	2:50pm	Daily
CO9604	5:00pm	5:50pm	Daily
CO9606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily

Narita-Saipan

NW 076	10:15am	2:40pm	Daily
NW 077	6:25pm	1:25am+1	2,3,4,5,6,7
NW 100	8:45pm	1:15am+1	Daily

Osaka-Saipan

NW 084	10:40am	3:10pm	Daily

Nagoya-Saipan

NW 077	9:00pm	1:25am+1	Daily

Seoul-Saipan

OZ 605	9:00am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ 603	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
OZ 603	8:10pm	1:30am+1	1,2,3,4,5,6

Busan-Saipan

OZ 607	9:30pm	2:40am+1	3,4,6,7

Shanghai-Saipan

OZ 607	5:30pm	12:30am+1	1,5

Guam-Rota

CO 9598	2:30am	3:00am	5,6

Manila-Guam

CO 892	10:10pm	5:30am+1	3,5 via Koror
CO 934	11:10pm	4:40am+1	Daily
PR 110	10:10pm	4:00am+1	1,3,5,6,7

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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota			
FRE 100	7:00am	7:30am	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 100	7:50am	8:20am	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 200	9:00am	9:30am	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 200	9:50am	10:15am	Daily
Guam-Rota			
FRE 300	4:00pm	4:30pm	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 300	4:50pm	5:25pm	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 400	6:00pm	6:30pm	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 400	6:45pm	7:15pm	Daily
Saipan-Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45am	6:55am	Daily
FRE 103	7:30am	7:40am	Daily
FRE 105	8:00am	8:10am	Daily
FRE 107	8:40am	8:50am	Daily
FRE 109*	9:10am	9:20am	Daily
FRE 111*	10:45am	10:55am	Daily
FRE 113	11:40am	11:50am	Daily
FRE 115	1:00pm	1:10pm	Daily
FRE 117	2:30pm	2:40pm	Daily
FRE 119	4:00pm	4:10pm	Daily
FRE 121	4:40pm	4:50pm	Daily
FRE 123 *	5:40pm	5:50pm	Daily
FRE 125 *	6:00pm	6:10pm	Daily
Tinian-Saipan w/ connecting flights to Rota or Guam**			
FRE 102	7:05am	7:15am	Daily
FRE 104	7:50am	8:00am	Daily
FRE 106**	8:20am	8:30am	Daily
FRE 108**	9:00am	9:10am	Daily
FRE 110	10:00am	10:10am	Daily
FRE 112	11:05am	11:15am	Daily
FRE 114	12:00pm	12:10pm	Daily
FRE 116	1:30pm	1:40pm	Daily
FRE 118	2:50pm	3:00pm	Daily
FRE 120**	4:20pm	4:30pm	Daily
FRE 122**	5:00pm	5:10pm	Daily
FRE 124	6:05pm	6:15pm	Daily
FRE 126	6:20pm	6:30pm	Daily

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Letters to the Editor

Calling the emerging generation from Saipan to make a difference!

Once in a while, I go online (saipantribune.com and mvarietynews.com) just to read about what's going on back home. There are times I will contribute a letter to the editor. Most times, I just go on MySpace and Facebook where I keep in touch with friends from Saipan and ask them what's going on. I do my best to not complain nor criticize our island's situation because I honestly have no right to do so when I'm not there trying to do something about it.

From the sidelines, I pray and ask God to touch the hearts of our leaders and our people. My plea today is for all of us to educate ourselves on what's going on and let's be the change we want to see in our island. Saipan will always be my home sweet home—the beautiful, tropical island where I was born and raised. For now, I will continue to educate my whole mind, body, and soul in Hawaii. I know God has called me to Hawaii to prepare me; for there will be a time He has planned and purposed for me to return back to Saipan to lead a revival/crusade and make a difference in educating our youth and those in my generation.

Divine appointments I await to lead me to emerging leaders who'll join me in this vision. In the meantime, I'm learning and allowing the Holy Spirit to reveal what is hidden, clean my heart, and guide me. I've learned perseverance and humility here. Hawaii has truly humbled me to a certain degree. Not quite nor near to perfection but Jesus is definitely working in me and through me. I took for granted what Saipan had given me. I've learned to appreciate growing up with everything desirable on Saipan—a God-fearing home, successful parents with a thriving business, excellent Christ-centered education at Grace Christian Academy, a wealth of material possessions and galore (cook, driver, maid/housekeeper, nanny for my baby, etc.), lots of optimistic friends and family, in addition to the freedom and many rights that come from being a U.S. territory.

Hawaii is definitely paradise. I've been blessed with luxuries but it comes with a hefty price. I can't recall how many times I've just wanted to run away from Hawaii and go back to my mortgage-free 4,000-square-foot As Terlaje home on Saipan versus my cute 750-sq.-ft. $1,500 a month Makiki cottage. This meager amount I could use to keep the money in our island and help in some way to feed Saipan's people, contribute to our economy and local businesses, expand technology to our island's preschoolers, buy books to get kids reading young and younger, send students to college, and spread God's Word into more homes. The amount may not be much monthly but it's definitely better than nothing. I and many of my friends have left Saipan to educate ourselves in foreign or U.S. mainland colleges or advance our careers to seek our fortune and destiny. Some of us discover the reason why we were born and some of us are still searching. Some have returned back home to do noble things, some have left the island and never want to return, then there are some who can make a difference back home but want to leave or aren't doing anything.

Wherever we all are right now, we can make a difference! We are history-makers and world-shakers. Each is his own individual but each body counts towards the bigger picture. Let's do at least 1 thing to make Saipan the island where we want to go home to, raise our family, educate our kids, advance our careers, and be placed in national headlines for amazing and historical contributions...not for its sweatshops, corrupt leaders, power outages, labor immigration issues, and U.S. baby-making schemes just to name a few.

Jeaniffer Hiponia Cubangbang
Honolulu, Hawaii

Terrorism with Obama

I do not share the euphoria and high expectations, as shown here and around the world, of the newly elected president of the United States, Barack Obama.

Why? The liberal-driven media machine—and the far left faction in the U.S. Congress who are in fact anti-America cannot convince me, otherwise, of his promise to disarm our nation and its defense spending "if I am elected..."

So that's a problem?

Yes. It will directly impact the ongoing $16-billion military buildup on Guam, Tinian, Saipan, and the Mariana Islands. Even though he assured Guam Washington delegate Madeleine Bordallo to help the islands, cutting back on defense spending will not only impede our economic growth, but also to invite an attack. Let me explain.

Within years, we'll see in excess of 40,000 more troops and their dependents at any one time traipsing throughout our islands. Just last week, we saw the first-ever nuclear carrier, the USS *George Washington* and part of its attack group, anchor in Guam with over 6,000 sailors on shore leave. And with the ongoing beheadings, bombings, and kidnappings a mere 1,500 west of us in the Philippines and Southeast Asia by the al-Qaeda inspired Abu Sayyaf and Jemmah Islamiyah and other Muslim extremist groups, this makes everyone living here a perfect target for severe terrorist attacks. In addition, a weakened military presence—if Obama gets his way—might also encourage the communist countries of Red China, North Korea, and Russia sitting miles away from us to test, if you will, in whatever manner or form or linkage with a terrorist cabal, that which might end up being another major conflict similar to what was called the Pacific War of 1941-1945.

I can't be serious, you say?

Although what's obviously information provided by conservative right-wingers and pro-McCainites, find below some interesting data suppressed by the left-leaning, pro-Obama media during the elections that we, living in the islands, were not made aware of:

■ Obama has no record of protecting our country. And a bleak record of bills he never introduced by himself in the Illinois and the U.S. Senate;

■ Obama has consistently voted against strengthening our military forces or its troops, thereby continually impeding their ability to fight in Iraq and Afghanistan;

■ Obama wants to make nice with Iran's Ahmedinejad, Chavez of Venezuela, the Hamas in Israel and other despots even though they are sworn to bring down America;

■ Obama thinking has been shaped by sitting, listening and absorbing for 20 years the preaching of fire and brimstone against the U.S. by the reverend Wright;

■ Obama has been supported by and has associated with that anti-America terrorist group of the 1960s called the Weatherman and its guru, William Ayers, as recently as 2003 in his run-up to the presidency;

■ Obama, like that other democrat-president Carter three decades ago, will gut our military forces to leave us defenseless in face of the threat of terrorism—or the sword-rattling of those three communist countries in this Pacific-Asia region as already mentioned;

Am I being an alarmist? Absolutely, if the above has any basis in fact.

A President Obama, along with the left-leaning U.S. Congress now dominated by the democrat party, are capable of destroying defense spending when he takes office next year (anything Bush did they shall undo) and that means putting a halt to the $16 billion military buildup in the CNMI or at the very least, minimizing its original intent. All of us living here on Saipan, in the Marianas and especially in Guam, should be deeply concerned if our islands are rendered defenseless—if the newly elected president and the liberal congress get their way.

If anyone is interested, I have a 90-second YouTube video—before it was removed from the web by the far-left liberals—of Obama guaranteeing that he shall gut our military forces if elected.

Let's hope this fear doesn't happen. But if it does the real question is: for what? And for whom?

Contact me at: leeandersen@live.com and I will send it to your e-mail address.

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Chalan Kanoa

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REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

Date: November 7, 2008 Contact: Representative Joseph C. Reyes
Telephone: (670) 664-8836
Facsimile: (670) 664-8838

The House Standing Committee on Commerce and Tourism would like to solicit comments from the general public on House Bill 16-177 "To impose a temporary moratorium on the issuance, extension, renewal and modification of qualifying certificates; to add a new § 50225 to Chapter 13 of Division 5 of Title 4 of the Commonwealth Code, relative to creating a qualifying certificate assessment workgroup; and for other purposes".

Copies of the legislation may be obtained from the following places:

1. Request to the Office of Representative Joseph C. Reyes
2. It may be viewed at www.camachocnmi.com under Legislative Bills, H.B. 16-177
3. Request for digital copy via email to rep.jcreyes@gmail.com

Members of the general public are encouraged to submit written testimony on or before November 30, 2008. To submit written testimony, please drop-off or fax to the Office of Representative Joseph C. Reyes (664-8838) or may be mailed to P.O. Box 500586 Saipan, MP 96950. You can also submit your digital copies to rep.jcreyes@gmail.com.

For additional information, you may contact the Office of Representative Joseph C. Reyes.

Rep. Joseph C. Reyes
Chairman

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

San Vicente School
Community Based Management, Inc.
RFP- 001

The San Vicente School Community Based Management, Inc., Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), is soliciting competitive Proposals from qualified A/E firms for the design and construction management of the Objective Work Plan for the design, renovation and construction management for the tasks listed below. Through this Request for Proposals the governing board of the San Vicente School Community Based Management Inc., will select one A/E firm for performing the tasks listed below. The selected team (firm) must present have the capability to design the main elements of the Plan and follow through with the total construction management of the project. The selected firm must demonstrate the capability to design the main elements of the Plan, presents estimated costs, and follow through with the total construction management of the project. The Proposal shall include the following tasks:

A. Provide site inspection and designs for renovating the existing tilapia tanks to an operational condition. One tank shall be converted into a shrimp growing tank. The work will include the design and oversight for the installation of adding six (6) additional shrimp tanks for staging the growth of the shrimp and tilapia until they are ready for the grow-out tanks.
B. The existing security fence shall be inspected and renovated as necessary with the addition of additional security features and security monitoring.
C. Oversee the drilling of an onsite deepwell for the brackish water source to be used for the shrimp and tilapia farming.
D. Inspect and renovate as necessary the existing solar panels and add additional panels as necessary to meet the on site power requirements for the new system. Prepare the plans and specifications for bidding this portion of the project.
E. Inspect, design modifications and oversee renovations as necessary to provide for a wastewater filtering system. This task also includes preparing the necessary design drawings and specifications for bidding the upgrade for the wastewater system.
F. Inspect, and prepare plans to renovate a space in the existing library at the San Vicente School for an office space for this project. The A/E firm shall assist in obtaining the necessary permits from the CNMI oversight agencies.
G. Selection of the most qualified, responsible and responsive firm shall be based on the following critical criteria.

1.	Qualifications and resumes for the personnel to be assigned to the project	**50%**
2.	Cost to provide the required services	**25%**
3.	Prior experience with this type of project and in-house ability to prepare the design	**15%**
4.	The team's present work load and availability, including references with similar projects	**10%**

The Proposer must demonstrate in their Proposal successful experience on similar A/E construction management work within the CNMI.

No Pre-Proposal Conference or site inspection will be held for this project. All questions related to the proposed project must submitted in writing to the Project Manager, Mr. Valrick Welch, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, 3:00 pm November 14, 2008 by sending written inquiries to facsimile number 670-664-3985. Questions and responses will be provided to each respondent via fax.

Based on the evaluation of the critical elements A. through G. presented above, the Evaluation Team will notify the top three (3) firms and request a final competitive cost from the top team. Discussions will include in-depth evaluation of the team's technical expertise, availability to perform the work in a timely manner, available personnel, in-house capability, performance on similar contracts, including the timeliness of the firm in meeting contract deadlines, and the ability to prepare the design on AutoCAD latest version with a copy of the complete design diskettes for the school archives. In the event a mutually beneficial contract arrangement cannot be met within 30 days the Project Manager will proceed to negotiate with the firm having the second highest competitive ranking, and so on. Five (5) copies plus one original of the sealed Proposals must be submitted to the:

Valrick A. Welch, Project Manager
San Vicente School Community Based Management, Inc.
P.O. Box 501370
Saipan, MP 96950

no later than 3:00 PM, local CNMI time, on Friday, November 28, 2008. The San Vicente School reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if to do so shall be in the best interests of the CNMI. All Proposals shall become the exclusive property of the San Vicente School Community Based Mangement Inc.

/s/ Agnes McPheteres
San Vicente School Community Based Management Chairwoman

Business

Democrats want Bush to help ailing automakers

WASHINGTON (AP)—Democratic leaders in Congress asked the Bush administration on Saturday to provide more aid to the struggling auto industry, which is bleeding cash and jobs as sales have dropped to their lowest level in a quarter-century.

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"A healthy automobile manufacturing sector is essential to the restoration of financial market stability, the overall health of our economy, and the livelihood of the automobile sector's work force," they wrote. "The economic downturn and the crisis in our financial markets further imperiled our domestic automobile industry and its work force."

There was no immediate comment from the Bush administration about the request to broaden the $700 billion financial industry bailout so automakers could get a share.

Automakers already want an additional $50 billion in loans from Congress to help them survive tough economic conditions and pay for health care obligations for retirees. The companies are seeking the loans as part of an economic aid plan that is now more likely to come together early next year rather than in a postelection session of Congress this month.

Top executives of General Motors, Ford, Chrysler LLC and the president of the United Auto Workers met with congressional leaders Thursday to discuss the loans. The money would be on top of the $25 billion in loans that Congress passed in September to help retool auto plants to build more fuel-efficient vehicles.

AP

Shown is a General Motor Corp. SUV with financing information on the window in Media, Pa., Friday, Nov. 7, 2008.

"We left the meetings convinced that our nation's automobile industry—the heart of our manufacturing sector—and the jobs of tens of thousands of American workers are at risk," Pelosi, D-Calif., and Reid, D-Nev., said in their letter to Paulson.

Automakers want the new loans included in an economic aid plan that is now more likely to come together early next year rather than in a postelection session of Congress this month. If Congress approved more loans, it would come with strings attached. Potential protections include limits on executive compensation, awarding the government preferred stock in the companies and a suspension of dividend payments to investors.

GM, the nation's largest automaker, warned Friday that it may run out of money by the end of the year after piling up billions in third-quarter losses and burning through cash at an alarming rate. GM's chairman and chief executive, Rick Wagoner, said the company will take every action possible to avoid bankruptcy.

Automakers struggle to survive past mistakes

DETROIT (AP)—At Ford Motor Co. they called it "Blue," a team set up around the year 2000 to design an array of small, fuel-efficient cars to compete with the Japanese. It didn't get far because no one could figure out how to make money on low-priced compacts with Ford's high labor costs.

Besides, the automaker was racking up billions in profits by selling pickups and sport utility vehicles. Times were good and gas was cheap.

"Blue" is only a small blip in automotive history, but it tells a big part of the story about why Detroit automakers are in a mess so critical they could be only months away from bankruptcy.

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Critics say leaders over the years at Ford Motor Co., General Motors Corp. and what is now Chrysler LLC were slow to take on unions, failed to invest enough in new products, ceded the car market to the Japanese and were ill-prepared for the inevitable rise in gas prices that would make their trucks and SUVs obsolete.

"There's been 30 years of denial," said Noel Tichy, a University of Michigan business professor and author who ran General Electric Co.'s leadership program from 1985-87 and once worked as a consultant for Ford. "They did not make themselves competitive. They didn't deal with the union issues, the cost structures long ago, everything that makes a successful company."

Industry representatives, however, say their critics are simplistic, giving them no credit for huge progress this decade in cutting costs, raising productivity, and building competitive cars while handling multiple government regulations and a powerful labor union.

"In the last five years, there's been more restructuring done in the automotive business than any other business in the history of the United States," said Tony Cervone, a GM vice president of communications.

Whatever the reasons, the Detroit Three are closer to collapse than ever, and likely won't make it without billions in government loans.

On Friday, GM posted a $2.5 billion third-quarter loss and ominously said it could run out of money before the end of the year. The company spent $6.9 billion more than it took in for the quarter and reported that it had $16.2 billion in cash available at the end of September.

White House: Like EU, US favors financial reform

WASHINGTON (AP)—Responding to Europe's call for aggressive financial changes, the White House said Saturday the U.S. and the European Union share "common ground" in addressing market turmoil.

The Europeans have expressed concern there is little desire in the Bush administration's waning days for a major overhaul of financial regulations. On Friday, EU leaders backed a 100-day deadline for leading economies to decide on financial reforms.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy, who led a special meeting of EU members in Belgium, said the economic crisis required quick agreement on reforms at the Nov. 15 summit in Washington that Bush is hosting of the world's 20 largest industrialized nations and emerging economies.

"We are in an economic crisis," said Sarkozy, who currently is president of the EU. "We have to react and we have no time to lose."

Bush's press secretary, Dana Perino, said in a statement Saturday that the administration shares "common ground" with European leaders about how to respond to the crisis and the need to move ahead on "certain reforms immediately."

Among other things, the EU leaders said they want an early warning system to watch for imbalances in financial markets, make the International Monetary Fund the world's financial watchdog, improve supervision of financial players and close loopholes that let some institutions avoid regulation.

"The United States has long been working to advance a financial markets reform agenda with many other countries," Perino said, adding that many of those actions are reflected in the EU statement.

The White House statement came as Brazil President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva said emerging economies must have a prominent role in negotiations to fix the troubled financial system because the world's poor are blameless victims of the turmoil.

Parents pull kids from day care as money tightens

ROCKFORD, Ill. (AP)—The nation's economic troubles play out one family at a time at the New Horizons Learning Center in this struggling city two hours northwest of Chicago.

Some parents have been laid off and must pull their children out of the day care center until they can find a job. Others' employment hours have been cut, so they reduce their kids' attendance to a few days a week.

Financial strains prompt one mother to pay with a postdated check. Another chooses to work in the middle of the night—after putting her kids to bed—because of the extra dollar per hour that shift brings. And the stress shows on the faces of the children who can't understand why their friends, without explanation, stop coming.

"They act out more, cry a lot more," said Diane Kesterton, director of New Horizons, where a 38-child enrollment has been halved to 19 in just three months. "They don't know what's happening, they're confused."

Parents nationwide are telling day care providers they must scale back or abandon their services. Instead, they keep kids at home with grandparents or upend their work-life balance because gas and food prices have become prohibitive and average child care costs outpace rent and mortgage payments—even for those drawing salaries.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

OPEC president: Oil cuts likely if no price rally

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP)—OPEC nations could further reduce oil output if moves last month to slash production do not bolster plummeting oil prices, OPEC president Chakib Khelil said Saturday. Khelil, who is also Algeria's energy minister, said an OPEC report would show by the end of the month whether all cartel members have enforced the daily 1.5 million barrel reduction decided in October. He said he hoped the production cut would raise and stabilize prices at a level manageable for both oil-exporting countries and consumer nations. Reasonable prices should range "between $70 and $90 per barrel," said Khelil, who currently holds the rotating presidency of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. Oil prices have traded at around $60 a barrel this week.

More bad news likely in store for AC casinos

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP)—Lately, the luck has been all bad for Atlantic City's 11 casinos. Last week alone, a major casino developer put a $2 billion Boardwalk project on indefinite hold, and the city's newest and most successful casino laid off 400 workers. And Donald Trump had to knock $46 million off the price of one of his casinos in order to salvage a deal to sell it to someone else. Trump's casino company is cutting the pay of its top executives by 5 percent. More bad news is expected Monday with the release of October's casino revenue numbers. To say they are expected to be bad is putting it mildly. Consider: September saw the greatest monthly decline in revenues in the 30-year history of legalized gambling, down more than 15 percent. And that was before the financial meltdown hit with full force, and before a smoking ban on the casino floor took effect; it's not due to expire until Nov. 16. That ban chased away some of the city's most prolific gamblers, who went to slots parlors in Pennsylvania and New York, and Indian-run casinos in Connecticut, where they can still smoke.

Brazil demands sweeping global financial overhaul

SAO PAULO, Brazil (AP)—Brazil's president on Saturday demanded that major reforms of the international financial system include strong input from large emerging nations and said the collapse of modern banking structures is victimizing the world's poor. Those who have the least stand to lose the most from a credit crunch that has slammed businesses from Brazil to China, President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva said at a meeting of finance ministers and central bank presidents from 20 of the world's wealthy and emerging economies ahead of a Nov. 15 summit in Washington. The Group of 20 nations must "formulate proposals for a substantial change of the world's financial architecture," Silva said. "This system collapsed like a house of cards that dragged down with it the dogmatic faith in the principles of nonintervention by the state in the economy."

Nation

Like Lincoln, FDR, Obama is facing nation in crisis

WASHINGTON (AP)— All presidents are tested. Few walk into the Oval Office when the nation is in the throes of multiple crises.

Like Franklin Delano Roosevelt, President-elect Obama is facing a banking emergency.

Like Abraham Lincoln, Obama is trying to patch up national divisions. To ready himself for the job, Obama said Friday he is reading some writings by Lincoln, "who's always an extraordinary inspiration."

And like Richard Nixon, George W. Bush and others, Obama will be commander in chief over U.S. troops in combat.

"With two wars and an economic crisis, this is one step away from what Lincoln or FDR faced," said Terry Sullivan, associate professor of political science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. "The question is `Which direction is the nation going to go?'"

While the challenges Obama faces are daunting, they also give him the opportunity to shape history in a big way.

"My 88-year-old mother asks me regularly, `Why would anybody want to be president now?' said Sullivan, who manages the Presidential Transition Project at Rice University. "My answer is 'Every one of them wants to be FDR.' This is their chance. What makes fame in the American presidency is a great challenge and succeeding." Or, Sullivan added, facing a great challenge and failing.

In fewer than 11 weeks, Obama will inherit not just the economic crisis and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, but also the ongoing threat of a terrorist attack, a resurgent Russia and nuclear proliferation in hot spots across the globe.

"We are in an almost unprecedented situation, at least in modern times," White House chief of staff Joshua Bolten said in a C-SPAN interview Friday.

Knowing his opening moves will be widely scrutinized, Obama tried to roll back expectations on election night.

"Our climb will be steep," he said. "We may not get there in one year or even in one term."

AP

President-elect Obama, right, and Michelle Obama walk out of Spiaggia restaurant after having dinner in Chicago, Saturday, Nov. 8, 2008.

Obama victory opens door to new black identity

WASHINGTON (AP)— Shortly after leaving the voting booth, 70-year-old community activist Donald E. Robinson had a thought: "Why do I have to be listed as African-American? Why can't I just be American?"

The answer used to be simple: because a race-obsessed society made the decision for him. But after Barack Obama's mind-bending presidential victory, there are rumblings of change in the nature of black identity and the path to economic equality for black Americans.

Before Tuesday, black identity and community were largely rooted in the shared experience of the struggle—real or perceived—against a hostile white majority. Even as late as Election Day, many blacks still harbored deep doubts about whether whites would vote for Obama.

Obama's overwhelming triumph cast America in a different light. There was no sign of the "Bradley Effect," when whites mislead pollsters about their intent to vote for black candidates. Nationwide, Obama collected 44 percent of the white vote, more than John Kerry, Al Gore or even Bill Clinton, exit polls show.

In Ohio, domain of the fabled working-class white swing voter, where journalists unearthed multitudes of racist quotes during the campaign, 46 percent of white voters backed Obama's bid to become the first black president, more than the three previous Democratic candidates.

Obama did not define himself as a black candidate. So Robinson now feels free to define himself as something more than a black community activist.

"We've taken that next step. It's moving toward what we call universal brotherhood and sisterhood," Robinson said after voting for Obama in his northwest Washington, D.C., neighborhood. "We shouldn't be split and have all these divisions. That's why I say it's a bright day."

L. Douglas Wilder, the first black person to be elected governor of Virginia, shares Robinson's sense of American identity. "But I can tell you, when you say that, people take umbrage," Wilder said. "They believe that you are dissing them, putting blacks down. I don't have to tell you what I am, you can look at me and see that I'm not white. So what difference does it make?"

It took Obama's election, however, to make that idea real.

"It's immediately transformative," Wilder said. "It immediately changes the level of discussion. This thing is bigger than we thought it was. It's too big to get our arms around, and it grows exponentially each passing day. It sets us on a brand-new course."

Yet the past is a heavy burden to shed. U.S. Rep. James Clyburn of South Carolina, a former civil rights activist who was jailed during the protest marches of the 1960s, said that Obama's election does move America toward a "more perfect union." But when it comes to self-definition, he believes the current state of that union leaves him no choice.

Commonwealth I Sankattan Siha Na Islas Mariana
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ii. Schéschéél schóól akkilon nge Neo Gold Wings Paradise Saipan Corporation d.b.a. NGP Casino and Hotel. Schóól Assamwoolul mwiisch (board of directors) mellol corporation nge Myung In Hyun me Kwidong Woo.

   Samwoolul (President/Treasurer) corporation nge Myung In Hyun. Vice President me Sekkretório nge Kwidong Woo.

iii. Schóól aweweel akkilon nge Kwidong Woo.

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v. Emmwel bwe tilighial akkilon yeel óubwe bwughil mereel bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap, elo aruwowal pwó (2nd floor) me Joeten Dandan Commercial Building llol Dandan, Seipél; aruwowal pwó (2nd floor) mellól Bank of Saipan Commercial Building, Luuta; me ngáre mmwal pwó (1st floor) mellól Kings Commercial Building, Tchúlúyól.

vi. Bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap nge esáál bweibwogh mwo pomwol akkilon ye elo Piña, Tchúlúyól.

vii. Samwoolul Bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap nge ebwe bwughil ischil mángemáng, aingiingil mereel amweyút mmwal schagh Nobiembre (November) 24, 2008 mellól Bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap iye elo Seipél, Luuta, Tchúlúyol.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED LEASE OF PUBLIC LAND

The Department of Public Lands hereby gives notice of its intent, under Section 106 (b) of Public Law 15-2, to lease certain public lands on Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Any interested parties of the general public may submit comments, data, views, or arguments of alternative proposals for the lease of the public land. As further provided by Public Law 15-2, the following pertinent information is required to be published.

i. The proposed lease of public land is about 300 hectares that has yet to be surveyed to which investor plans to lease for purposes of building a casino hotel and golf resort situated in the Piña Area on Tinian. A copy of the location of the parcel is available at the Department of Public Lands for review.

ii. The prospective lessee is Neo Goldwings Paradise, Co. Ltd. a CNMI corporation. The Board of Directors of the corporation are Hyun Myung In, president/treasurer and Kwidong Woo, vice president/secretary.

iii. The proposed lease was negotiated by Mr. Kwidong Woo.

iv. The lessee shall use the premises solely for the purpose of developing and operating a casino hotel and golf resort and related facilities.

   The term of the proposed lease agreement is 25 years, with an option to extend the lease for an additional 15 years.

   The proposed annual rental during the term is based on a percentage of the appraised fair market value of the property.

v. A copy of the proposed lease agreement may be obtained at the office of the Department of Public Lands, located on the 2nd floor of the Joeten Dandan Commercial Building in Dandan, Saipan; the 2nd floor of the Bank of Saipan Commercial Building, Rota; or the 1st floor of the Kings Commercial Building, Tinian.

vi. The Department of Public Lands has received no alternative proposals to lease the subject public land at Piña, Tinian.

vii. The Secretary of the Department of Public Lands shall accept written comments, views, arguments or alternative proposals from interested parties on or before November 24, 2008 at the Department of Public Lands offices located in Saipan, Rota or Tinian.

NATION

Priest: Slain dad had taught boy, 8, to use guns

ST. JOHNS, Ariz. (AP)—A man who police believe was shot and killed by his 8-year-old son had consulted a Roman Catholic priest about whether the boy should handle guns and had taught him how to use a rifle, the clergyman said Saturday.

The father, Vincent Romero, 29, was from a family of avid hunters and wanted to make sure the boy wasn't afraid of guns, said the Very Rev. John Paul Sauter of St. Johns Catholic Church. The boy's stepmother had suggested he have a BB gun, the priest said.

Romero taught his son how to use a rifle to kill prairie dogs, Sauter said. Police say the boy used a .22-caliber rifle Wednesday to kill his father and another man, Timothy Romans, 39, of San Carlos.

The priest did not say how he advised the couple but said Saturday that the boy "was just too young."

"That child, I don't think he knows what he did, and it was brutal," Sauter said.

The boy, who faces two counts of premeditated murder, did not act on the spur of the moment, St. Johns Police Chief Roy Melnick said. Police are looking into whether he might have been abused.

"I'm not accusing anybody of anything at this point," he said Saturday. "But we're certainly going to look at the abuse part of this. He's 8 years old. He just doesn't decide one day that he's going to shoot his father and shoot his father's friend for no reason. Something led up to this."

The boy's father and stepmother had gotten married in September, said Sauter, who presided over the wedding.

Romero had full custody of the child. The boy's mother had visited St. Johns from Mississippi the previous weekend and returned to Arizona after the shootings, said Apache County Attorney Brad Carlyon.

On Friday, a judge ordered a psychological evaluation of the boy. Under Arizona law, charges can be filed against anyone 8 or older.

The boy had no record of complaints with Arizona Child Protective Services, Carlyon said.

"He had no record of any kind, not even a disciplinary record at school," he said. "He has never been in trouble before."

In a sign of the emotional and legal complexities of the case, police are pushing to have the boy tried as an adult even as they investigate possible abuse, Melnick said. If convicted as a minor, the boy could be sent to juvenile detention until he turns 18.

Cash found in Ohio house's walls becomes nightmare

CLEVELAND (AP)—A contractor who found $182,000 in Depression-era currency hidden in a bathroom wall has ended up with only a few thousand dollars, but he feels some vindication.

The windfall discovery amounted to little more than grief for contractor Bob Kitts, who couldn't agree on how to split the money with homeowner Amanda Reece.

It didn't help Reece much, either. She testified in a deposition that she was considering bankruptcy and that a bank recently foreclosed on one of her properties.

And 21 descendants of Patrick Dunne—the wealthy businessman who stashed the money that was minted in a time of bank collapses and joblessness—will each get a mere fraction of the find.

"If these two individuals had sat down and resolved their disputes and divided the money, the heirs would have had no knowledge of it," said attorney Gid Marcinkevicius, who represents the Dunne estate. "Because they were not able to sit down and divide it in a rational way, they both lost."

Kitts was tearing the bathroom walls out of an 83-year-old home near Lake Erie in 2006 when he discovered two green metal lockboxes suspended inside a wall below the medicine chest, hanging from a wire. Inside were white envelopes with the return address for "P. Dunne News Agency."

"I ripped the corner off of one," Kitts said during a deposition in a lawsuit filed by Dunne's estate. "I saw a 50 and got a little dizzy."

He called Reece, a former high school classmate who had hired him for a remodeling project.

They counted the cash and posed for photographs, both grinning like lottery jackpot winners.

But how to share? She offered 10 percent. He wanted 40 percent. From there things went sour.

A month after The Plain Dealer reported on the case in December 2007, Dunne's estate got involved, suing for the right to the money.

By then there was little left to claim.

Reece testified in a deposition that she spent about $14,000 on a trip to Hawaii and had sold some of the rare late 1920s bills. She said about $60,000 was stolen from a shoe box in her closet but testified that she never reported the theft to police.

ACROSS THE NATION

3rd Episcopal diocese splits from national church

NEW YORK (AP)—A third theologically conservative diocese has broken away from the liberal Episcopal Church in a long-running dispute over the Bible, gay relationships and other issues. The Diocese of Quincy, Ill., took the vote at its annual meeting that ended Saturday. Two other dioceses—San Joaquin, based in Fresno, Calif., and Pittsburgh—have already split off. Next weekend, the Diocese of Fort Worth, Texas, will vote whether to follow suit. The three breakaway dioceses are aligning with the like-minded Anglican Province of the Southern Cone, based in Argentina, to try to keep their place in the world Anglican Communion. The 77-million-member Anglican fellowship, which includes the U.S. Episcopal Church, has roots in the missionary work of the Church of England.

Police: 90-year-old living with 3 siblings' bodies

EVANSTON, Ill. (AP)—A 90-year-old woman apparently has been living in a house with the bodies of her three siblings, one of whom may have been dead since the early 1980s, police in suburban Chicago said. The bodies were found Friday morning by police who were called by a senior advocate, said Evanston police Cmdr. Tom Guenther. The 90-year-old woman was taken to a hospital for observation. The Cook County medical examiner's office said Saturday that the people had died of natural causes, but it would not say how long they had been dead. The office has identified the dead as Anita Bernstorff, who was born in 1910, Frank Bernstorff, who was born in 1920, and Elaine Bernstorff, who was born in 1916. Anita Bernstorff was last seen alive in May 2008, Frank Bernstorff in 2003 and Elaine Bernstorff in the early 1980s, authorities said.

High school wrestlers injured in Iowa car crash

HORNICK, Iowa (AP)—One person is dead and six seriously hurt after a sport-utility vehicle carrying a high school wrestling team collided with a minivan in western Iowa. The Woodbury County Sheriff's Office says the 53-year-old van driver was killed in Saturday's accident. The 26-year-old SUV driver and five teenagers were taken to a hospital in critical or serious condition. The Westwood High School team was on its way to a wrestling clinic. The accident is being investigated.

Asia

Indonesia executes 3 in Bali nightclub bombings

CILACAP, Indonesia (AP)—Indonesia executed three Islamic militants Saturday for helping plan and carry out the 2002 Bali bombings that killed 202 people, many of them foreign tourists.

Imam Samudra, 38, and brothers Amrozi Nurhasyim, 47, and Ali Ghufron, 48, were executed several miles from their high security prison on Nusakambangan island, said Qadar Faisal, one of their attorneys.

Their bodies were brought by helicopter to their home villages for burial.

Thousands of supporters welcomed their bodies as martyrs. Some hard-line Islamists lined the streets in the eastern village of Tenggulun on Sunday, chanting "God is great!" as a helicopter touched down in a light rain.

The Oct. 12, 2002 twin nightclub attacks—allegedly funded by al-Qaida and carried out by members of the Southeast Asian militant group Jemaah Islamiyah—thrust the world's most populous Muslim nation onto the front lines in the war on terror.

The three never expressed remorse, saying the bombings were meant to punish the U.S. and its Western allies for alleged atrocities in Afghanistan and elsewhere. They even taunted relatives of victims—88 of whom were Australian—at their trials five years ago.

In recent months, the men had publicly expressed hope their executions would trigger revenge attacks in Indonesia.

The capital has been on high alert, with extra police deployed at embassies, shopping malls and offices, but most analysts expect any reaction to be small and limited to demonstrations, bomb hoaxes and show of solidarity at the men's' funerals.

AP

Indonesian Muslims open the coffin of Bali bomber Imam Samudra at a cemetery in Serang, Banten province, Indonesia, Sunday Nov. 9, 2008.

Bangladesh ups watch along Myanmar border

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP)—Bangladesh said it put border guards on alert Saturday because it had information that neighboring Myanmar was amassing troops after talks on oil and gas exploration in disputed seas off their coasts ended inconclusively, officials said.

Both countries claim areas in the Bay of Bengal that are believed to contain oil and gas reserves. Bangladesh has been angered by Myanmar's recent moves to begin prospecting in some of those areas.

"We have just reinforced the regular vigilance but there's nothing to worry about yet," A.K.M. Nurul Bahar, a top border guard official, said of the alert.

"We have information that Myanmar has increased its soldiers along the border with us," he said.

He would not give further details.

Bangladesh has a 170-mile land border with Myanmar.

Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury, an adviser to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, told reporters in Dhaka on Saturday that Bangladesh wanted a peaceful solution to the dispute, but that it was ready to protect its sovereignty at any cost.

On Monday, Bangladesh accused Myanmar of sending several ships—apparently for prospecting—into a contested deep-sea area believed to contain hydrocarbon reserves.

The dispute surfaced after South Korea's Daewoo International Corp., which has been hired by Myanmar, started formal explorations in September. Bangladesh protested the move, saying it was intruding into its waters.

Myanmar has called Bangladesh's claims "unlawful and wrong."

ASIAN BRIEFS

Canadian TV reporter abducted in Kabul freed

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—A female Canadian TV journalist abducted and held for nearly four weeks in Afghanistan was freed Saturday after Afghan tribal leaders persuaded her kidnappers to release her, officials said. Mellissa Fung, a reporter for the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. on her second visit to Afghanistan, was taken hostage Oct. 12 after reporting in a refugee camp in Kabul. Western news organizations in Afghanistan, including The Associated Press, had been aware of Fung's abduction, but the CBC requested that her case not be publicized for safety considerations while officials tried to negotiate her release. Fung was freed after tribal elders and provincial council members negotiated her release, said Adam Khan Serat, spokesman for the provincial governor in Wardak. Serat said there was no ransom involved.

Conservative former trader wins New Zealand vote

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP)—New Zealanders chose a wealthy, conservative former financier Saturday to help navigate the country through the global financial meltdown, handing long-serving left-wing Prime Minister Helen Clark a crushing election defeat. John Key, the 47-year-old leader of the conservative National Party, swept easily to power in this South Pacific country of 4.1 million people, ousting Clark's Labour Party after nine years in office. "Today, New Zealand has spoken, in their hundreds of thousands, they have voted for change," Key told supporters at a packed victory celebration in the country's largest city, Auckland. New Zealand's farming export-dependent economy fell into recession early this year, and Key said the worldwide downturn is the most immediate problem for the country. "The global financial crisis means that the road ahead may well be a rocky one," Key said. "Tomorrow, the hard work begins." Before being elected to parliament in 2002, multimillionaire Key was a currency trader at Merrill Lynch, working in the United States and Singapore.

World

Iraq official urges approval of US security agreement

BAGHDAD (AP)—A top Iraqi official warned Saturday that time is running out to sign a new security agreement with Washington, saying the country still needed U.S. troops despite improved security.

Also Saturday, a U.S. soldier was killed and two others were wounded by a roadside bomb in north Baghdad—the first combat death in the capital area in three weeks. A suicide bomber killed eight people Saturday and wounded 17 west of Baghdad, Iraqi police said.

Both attacks show that militants have still not given up the fight despite setbacks at the hands of U.S. and Iraqi forces.

"I hope that we can settle this matter as soon as soon possible because time is running out," Deputy Prime Minister Barham Saleh said of the long-delayed security pact. "The security improvement that has been achieved is very important. The support of U.S. forces in the coming period will still be very important."

Iraq's parliament must approve the agreement by the end of next month when the U.N. mandate expires. The new agreement would keep U.S. forces in Iraq until 2012 and give the Iraqis broader authority over military operations until then.

Without an agreement or a new U.N. mandate, however, the U.S. military has warned it will have to suspend operations in the country.

But strong opposition to the agreement has emerged, especially within the majority Shiite community that is the support base for Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki. Last Thursday, the U.S. responded to Iraqi requests for changes in the draft to address opponents' concerns.

Al-Maliki's government has not said whether it is satisfied with the changes or whether it will submit the draft to parliament soon. One senior official told The Associated Press that it could take a month to decide on the agreement once the draft goes to parliament.

He spoke on condition of anonymity because the issue is politically sensitive.

Russian navy: sub accident kills more than 20

MOSCOW (AP)—An accident aboard a nuclear-powered Russian navy submarine doing a test run in the Pacific Ocean on Saturday killed more than 20 people, the navy said.

The nuclear reactor aboard the submarine was operating normally and radiation levels were normal, navy spokesman Capt. Igor Dygalo said on Sunday.

The accident occurred when a fire-extinguishing system went into operation in error aboard the submarine, Dygalo said. He said there were 208 people aboard, including 81 servicemen. The dead included sailors and shipbuilders.

The submarine was heading back to shore on its own power, and 21 people injured in the accident were evacuated to a ship that was escorting the sub.

Dygalo said the destroyer Admiral Tributs and a rescue vessel were accompanying the submarine.

The state-run RIA-Novosti news agency cited an unnamed official in Russia's Pacific Fleet as saying the accident occurred toward the bow of the submarine and that there was no threat to the nuclear reactor, closer to the center.

4 children rescued from rubble of Haiti school

PETIONVILLE, Haiti (AP)—Rescuers pulled four children alive Saturday from the rubble of a three-story Haitian school that collapsed on classrooms filled with students and teachers, killing at least 88 people.

Emergency workers cradled the dazed children in their arms and rushed them to ambulances, U.N. police spokesman Andre Leclerc said. The extent of the injuries to the two girls, ages 3 and 5, and two boys, a 7-year-old and a teenager, was not known, Leclerc said. But he added the 3-year-old had a cut on her head and seemed to be OK.

"She was talking and drinking juice," Leclerc said.

Search teams from the United States and France on Saturday joined the hunt for survivors in the remains of the College La Promesse in suburban Port-au-Prince, which tumbled to the ground a day earlier, crushing two homes behind it.

Nadia Lochard, civil protection coordinator for the western region that includes Petionville, said the death toll rose to 84 on Saturday, with 150 others injured and many more still missing.

Later, U.S. rescuers using digital cameras on long poles to look under the rubble found six or seven bodies, but think that two of them were already included in Lochard's death toll, said Evan Lewis, a member of the team from Fairfax County, Virginia.

AP

Fireman Nathaniel Lasseur carries a child who was rescued from under the rubble of a school that collapsed in Petionville, Haiti, Friday, Nov. 7, 2008.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, Plaintiff, vs. **PLASTAG ENTERPRISES, INC., the ESTATE OF PLASIDO M. TAGABUEL, DORIS TAGABUEL, ARLENE I. TAGABUEL, and JOHN HENRY I. TAGABUEL,** Defendants.	Civil Action No. 04-0482A **NOTICE OF AUCTION**

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants Plastag Enterprises, Inc., the Estate of Plasido M. Tagabuel, Doris Tagabuel, Arlene I. Tagabuel, and John Henry I. Tagabuel in the following described, real property situated in the CNMI will be sold at an auction:

Lot No. 010 G 12, (formerly part of Lot 010 G 11, formerly part of Lot 010 G 04, formerly part of original Lot 010 G 02) as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 010 G 03, the original of which was recorded 09 Nov 93 as Document No. 93-3937 at Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith.;

Lot No. 018 E 69, (formerly part of Lot 018 E 06, Lot 018 E 07, and Lot 018 E 65) as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 018 E 05, the original of which was recorded 06 OCT 92 as Document No. 92-3227 at Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith.;

and

Lot 2003-4-2, (formerly part of Lot 2003-4-R1, formerly part of Lot 2003-4, formerly part Lot 2004-R2, formerly part of Lot 2003 REM, formerly part of original 2003, TD 771) as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 2110/88, the original of which was recorded 11 May 88 as Document No. 88-1525 at Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith.

The auction sale will be open to the general public and will be held at CDA's Conference Room, Saipan, at **2:00 p.m., on Friday, November 28, 2008,** subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

1. **Minimum Bid. No minimum opening bid.**
2. Reserve. The auction shall be held with reserve.
3. Rights and Duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable law of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auctions with reserve, auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction:
   a.) To withdraw the property listed for sale in this announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted;
   b.) To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is struck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
   c.) To reject, on behalf of the seller, any and all bids.
4. Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Oscar C. Camacho, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Commonwealth Development Authority, P.O. Box 502149, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7145, Fax: 235-7147; or to F. Matthew Smith, P.O. Box 501127, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7455, Fax: 234-7256.
5. Deposit; Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten (10) days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check or credit card. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten (10) days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to CDA.
6. Change of Terms. Auctioneer and CDA reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
7. **Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact CDA for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of Plastag Enterprises, Inc., the Estate of Plasido M. Tagabuel, Doris Tagabuel, Arlene I. Tagabuel, and John Henry I. Tagabuel in the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty, and subject to the redemption laws of the CNMI. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.**

Dated this 20th day of October 2008.

/S/ **SANTIAGO F. TUDELA, COMMISSIONER**
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN RE THE ESTATE OF VICENTE CAMACHO CASTRO Deceased,	**CIVIL ACTION NO. 08-0399** **NOTICE OF HEARING**

TO: INTERESTED CLAIMANTS AND CREDITORS:

Notice is hereby given that COREEN C. PALACIOS, of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, has filed a petition in the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to be appointed as Administrator of the Estate of Vicente Camacho Castro, deceased, and to determine the heirs of the decedent. The Attorney of record is Danilo T. Aguilar, Esq., P.O. Box 505301, Saipan, MP 96950. The hearing on the petition is set for December 16, 2008, at the Superior Court in Susupe, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, at 1:30pm. All interested persons should appear at this hearing.

All persons having any claims against the estate, or against the deceased should file their claims with the Clerk of Court of the Superior Court within sixty (60) days after the first publication of this notice.

Dated this 28th day of October, 2008.

/s/ **Bernadita A. Sablan**
Clerk of Court

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION ADOPTION OF: RAIZA GHIE S. QUILANTANG A Minor Child BY: ISAGANI CONDE AND DEBBIE ANN REYES SALAZAR Petitioners	**FCD AD CASE NO. 07-0627R** **NOTICE OF HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ON November 28, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. in the court house at Sinapalo II, Rota MP, Petitioners, Debbie Ann R. Salazar and Isagani Conde Salazar will petition the court to adopt the above named minor.

Dated this 7th day of November, 2008.

Bernadita A. Sablan
Clerk of Court

/s/ By: Deputy Clerk of Court

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF HAWAII, Plaintiff, vs. **SYLVIA ARRIOLA PE and RENATO S. PE,** Defendant.	**CIVIL ACTION NO. 07-0455** **NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Amended Order issued by the Court in this matter on November 5, 2008, I will sell, at public auction to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: EA 415-3 NEW-3, (formerly part of EA 415-3 NEW, which was part of original EA 415), as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 2026/89, the original of which was recorded 07 DEC 88 as Document No. 88-3910 at Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan.

Date, Time and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on 5th of December, 2008, at the hour of 3:00p.m. , at the Carlsmith Ball LLP, Carlsmith Building, Capitol Hill, Isa Drive, P.O. Box 5241, Saipan, MP 96950-5241. The sale will be opened to general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

Dated: Saipan, MP, November 7, 2008.

/s/ Vincent J. Seman
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM, Plaintiff, vs. **ROSLYN C. PALACIOS,** Defendant.	**CIVIL ACTION NO. 08-0358** **AMENDED SUMMONS**

TO: THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT ROSLYN C. PALACIOS

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO APPEAR by the 21st day after the fourth date of publication of this AMENDED SUMMONS and defend the above entitled action in the CNMI SUPERIOR COURT, at the Office of Clerk of Court, CNMI SUPERIOR COURT, 1st Floor, Guma' Hustisia, Ilmwal Aweewe, House of Justice, Susuper Village, P.O. Box 500307, Saipan MP 96950-0307; and answer the complaint of the plaintiff Bank of Guam, and serve a copy of your answer upon **Robert Tenorio Torres**, attorney for Plaintiff Bank of Guam, at **Plata Drive, Whispering Palms (Chalan Kiya), P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950;** and in case of failure to do so, judgement will be rendered against you according to the demand of the COMPLAINT, which has been filed with the Clerk of Court.

So **ORDERED** this 22th day of October, 2008

/s/ **Bernadita A. Sablan**
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM, Plaintiff, vs. **SALVELO M. HESUS** Defendant.	**CIVIL CASE NO. 08-0364** **AMENDED SUMMONS**

TO: THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT SALVELO M. HESUS

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO APPEAR by the 21st day after the fourth date of publication of this AMENDED SUMMONS and defend the above entitled action in the CNMI SUPERIOR COURT, at the Office of Clerk of Court, CNMI SUPERIOR COURT, 1st Floor, Guma' Hustisia, Ilmwal Aweewe, House of Justice, Susuper Village, P.O. Box 500307, Saipan MP 96950-0307; and answer the complaint of the plaintiff Bank of Guam, and serve a copy of your answer upon **Robert Tenorio Torres**, attorney for Plaintiff Bank of Guam, at **Plata Drive, Whispering Palms (Chalan Kiya), P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950;** and in case of failure to do so, judgement will be rendered against you according to the demand of the COMPLAINT, which has been filed with the Clerk of Court.

So **ORDERED** this 24th day of October, 2008

/s/ **Bernadita A. Sablan**
Clerk of Court

Health & Fitness

Yoga can give you strength, balance, flexibility; isn't that enough?

By HOWARD SCHNEIDER
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WASHINGTON—Yoga may have a soft and peaceful reputation, but the theme at Willow Street Yoga on a recent Monday evening was fear. A large theme, to be sure, but in this case it was focused on issues such as: If I collapse from a handstand, what happens to my face?

The students in Batya Metalitz's advanced class were no strangers to the handstand or other difficult poses, but she still encouraged them to acknowledge that some of the things she would ask them to do in the two-hour session would be unnerving.

"I want you to be okay being in that fear. Fear will encourage you to engage those muscles," Metalitz told the group.

With yoga, tai chi and other Eastern practices moving more fully into the mainstream, the question comes up: What do they actually do? Is yoga just a nice stretch, or will it make you stronger? What about cardiovascular health? How does it stack up to the activities more commonly associated (in the West) with aerobic endurance, such as running or biking?

As with most forms of exercise, the answer is, it depends—on what goals you set and on how you organize your training. Watching the students in Metalitz's class, there was little doubt that yoga practiced at such an advanced level involved serious strength. It also takes a pretty single-minded commitment. For anyone not ready to go that route, the relevant issue is whether there is value in a less intense relationship with these disciplines, referred to as "mindful exercise" because of their mental and sometimes spiritual aspect.

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Showing no signs of fear, students in a Willow Street Yoga advanced class demonstrate the skill and strength needed for some poses.

My own sense, buttressed in talks with Willow Street owner Suzie Hurley and others, is that regular participation in yoga, regardless of the style or level, is going to produce at least two surefire benefits: It will identify and help strengthen weak points in your body, and it will help reawaken muscles that tend to be underused in even active people.

Whether the issue is strength or flexibility, your body's weaknesses become obvious when you start working through yoga poses, even seemingly simple ones. And the further you go, the clearer it becomes what muscle or joint is holding things up.

Clearly, you can't stand on your head unless a whole bunch of things are working right, but even a simple backbend can be revealing. During one of Hurley's less advanced sessions, I could feel the effect of a problem I have been nursing in my right shoulder. Although different styles of yoga have different emphases, proper alignment is a central tenet (if for no other reason than to prevent injury). One particular pose was done standing and involved curling the back while the hips remained perpendicular to the floor. That can be a challenge, given that the tendency, when someone says "backbend," is to throw your hips forward and start arching the legs.

When this pose is done properly, the rhomboideus and trapezius pull you backward while the hips stay still—beneficial for me, since the issue in my shoulder involves problems getting those upper back muscles to move my shoulder blade in the proper way.

Which brings us to the other benefit of yoga: learning to use the right muscles at the right time. This might sound like something the brain takes care of without a lot of conscious planning on our part, but not necessarily. An overly sedentary life leads, unwittingly, to bad habits: We unlearn how to do things that ought to be natural: standing, sitting, walking, moving properly. The wrong muscles get used, the train of motion gets out of rhythm and problems ensue.

Yoga, as well as such disciplines as Pilates that require similar precision, forces you to concentrate on which muscles are engaged for each posture or exercise, and leads to more awareness of how we move in daily life.

That's why Hurley developed a sequence for one of her classes she calls "juice the rhomboids." The language is not quite part of the Sanskrit tradition, but it's a sentiment Hurley said is important. Those muscles of the upper back are among the more ignored, even among people who exercise regularly. Her approach modifies the plank pose—a static position that looks like the start of a pushup, toes on the floor, arms straight—to include a slight up-and-down motion in the upper back.

Working through the body's weak points, retraining muscles, building flexibility, teaching balance: All these flow from yoga practice, even if it's limited to the less intense styles, said Ralph La Forge, an exercise physiologist at Duke University Medical Center's Division of Endocrinology. There are other widely accepted psychological and physiological benefits as well: Yoga's emphasis on controlled breathing and its meditative aspect, for example, can help lower blood pressure and reduce stress.

What's missing?

"It is not intense cardio," Hurley said of her studio's anusara style, a more recent offshoot of the methods developed in the past few decades by B.K.S. Iyengar.

Hurley says she still goes for regular "vigorous" walks and swims to mix up her workouts and supplement her yoga.

Different styles of yoga will involve comparatively more or less motion. Some of the more dynamic, like ashtanga and vinyasa, provide "a hell of a workout," La Forge said. But in general, he said, yoga won't produce the same elevated heart rate or intense energy expenditure as more-standard aerobics.

And although yoga does develop underlying fitness (particularly important as we age), La Forge said there can be limits when it comes to strength training.

The styles that involve holding poses for a longer time build static strength, for example, as opposed to other sorts of exercise that require muscles to move weight through a range of motion or that build endurance by repeating motions under weight. In general, the gains in strength from yoga are limited by the type of resistance being used: namely, your body weight. By definition, you'll become as strong as you need to be to hold yourself in a particular pose.

That can be plenty strong, as the students in Willow Street's advanced class demonstrated. It depends on what you are trying to accomplish, as Hurley noted. If you decide yoga is your focus, be sure to find a studio that progresses from beginner to advanced levels; otherwise, you're limiting yourself from the start.

If you feel you want more or different—whether it is a more intense style of aerobics, strength training for a particular sport or something else—then consider yoga as a supplement.

A little can go a long way.

Big taxes don't touch little cigars

By FREDRICK KUNKLE
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WASHINGTON—The packaging is pretty and the product sounds tasty, even a little wholesome. But inside the brightly colored wrappers that tout an assortment of flavors such as vanilla, strawberry and peach are cigars and cigarillos—and, according to public health advocates, a not-so-subtle strategy to target young people with cheap, candy-flavored tobacco.

"They do not see these little cigars—because of the candy flavor—as smoking," said Debra Annand, director of health education services of the American Lung Association. Even worse, she said, is that federal regulations define cigars in a way that allows tobacco companies to escape the steep taxes that have been levied against cigarettes in recent years.

Health advocates know that smoking habits, particularly among adolescents, are affected by cost.

"It's like gas prices," said a 17-year-old girl smoking outside Jammin' Java in Vienna, Va., recently. "When they go down, you get excited."

Now a move is under way by public health advocates to push back against cigar usage by taxing some cigars like cigarettes.

Since 1990, the per capita consumption of cigars (defined by the Treasury Department's Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau as any roll of tobacco wrapped in tobacco leaf or a substance containing tobacco) has more than doubled, according to the Cigar Association of America, a trade organization. That includes large, premium, hand-rolled brands and mass-market, machine-rolled cigars that vary in size, such as Swisher Sweet cigarillos, White Owls blunts and Black & Mild filter-tip cigars. Data suggest the consumption of "little cigars" such as Winchesters—which resemble cigarettes in almost every way but color—jumped 154 percent between 1998 and 2006, according to the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, a Washington-based nonprofit.

Part of the reason is cost.

Federal excise taxes amount to 39 cents on a pack of 20 cigarettes, while cigars are taxed at a maximum of five cents each, according to Art Resnick, a spokesman for the tobacco tax bureau. The federal tax on cigars the size of cigarettes that are sold in packs of 20 is just four cents per pack. When the District of Columbia doubled the local tax on cigarettes to $2 a pack, effective Oct. 1, it left the cigar levy unchanged. Maryland taxes cigarettes at $2 a pack; all other tobacco products have a 15 percent sales tax. Virginia taxes cigarettes at 1.5 cents each, or 30 cents a pack.

The Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids has urged states to consider taxing all tobacco products to bring them in line with cigarettes. Ten states have imposed taxes that treat some cigars like cigarettes, the Cigar Association says.

Two years ago, the National Association of Attorneys General petitioned the tobacco tax bureau to re-examine its definition of little cigars, arguing that the tobacco makers were essentially disguising cigarettes as cigars to take advantage of the tax difference. The bureau is reviewing public comments and considering possible changes to the definition, Resnick said.

In May, Baltimore City Health Commissioner Joshua M. Sharfstein proposed banning the sale of single, cheap cigars. Noting that cigarettes must be sold in packs of 20 and cost as much as $5, Sharfstein would require Baltimore merchants to sell cigars in packs of five or more, with the aim of discouraging young people from trying the cheap nicotine hit of a single cigarillo.

At present, some cigars, such as a Black & Mild filter-tip, can sell singly for as little as 69 cents, he said. "It just struck us as an enormous oversight," Sharfstein said, explaining that he wanted to fight the "balloon effect": Like squeezing a balloon, making cigarettes more expensive may be pushing more young people to try cigars.

"If it's implemented, it's not going to be a miracle fix of the problem, not by any stretch. But it's a component," the health commissioner said. Sharfstein said last week that he is reviewing public comments and considering whether to put the proposed rule into effect.

The National Youth Tobacco Survey suggests that the use of tobacco by young people peaked at 42.7 percent in 1997 and fell to about 28 percent before leveling off. But the use of cigars among youths increased slightly to 14 percent in 2005 from 11.6 percent three years earlier, according to a 2008 report in the American Journal of Health Behavior.

A 2007 survey of nearly 300 participants by researchers at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health found that about 24 percent of people between 18 and 24 had smoked a Black & Mild cigarillo in the previous month. Sharfstein said Black & Milds are especially popular with African American smokers, sometimes seen as part of the hip-hop image. The brand, produced by John Middleton Inc., a Pennsylvania cigarmaker, was acquired last year by Altria Group, which owns Philip Morris USA, the largest tobacco company in the United States.

The company reported that Black & Mild sales increased 8 percent in the first quarter this year.

Public health advocates have called increasing attention to the use of cigars among young people, particularly their use of machine-rolled cigarillos and little cigars with sweet or exotic flavorings. One 7-Eleven in suburban Virginia had a vivid array on display, including peach-flavored White Owls in bright, crinkly orange paper and Dutch Masters cigars with a hint of grape in a purple wrap.

Eddie Feeks, 18, said he was a 15-year-old Virginia high school student when he tried smoking for the first time. Despite his misgivings, he decided to try one of his friends' cigars.

"I didn't inhale it the first time," Feeks said. "Then the second time I tried to inhale it, and it, like, punched me in the throat. ... I waited until I was done coughing five minutes later, and then I kept smoking."

Tobacco makers deny any attempt to reach children. "Our look at it is, first and foremost, all of Altria's products are designed only for adults," said David Sutton, a spokesman for the company. "We don't want kids to use any type of tobacco product. Period."

Sutton said the firm has joined other tobacco companies in promoting training, financial incentives for retailers and other steps such as the We Card program, which trains retailers to sell only to adults.

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New Yorkers trying to save historic Tin Pan Alley

NEW YORK (AP)—A group of New Yorkers is fighting to save Tin Pan Alley, the half-dozen row houses where iconic American songs were born.

The four-story, 19th-century buildings on Manhattan's West 28th Street were home to publishers of some of the catchiest American tunes and lyrics—from "God Bless America" and "Take Me Out To The Ballgame" to "Give My Regards to Broadway."

The music of Irving Berlin, Scott Joplin, Fats Waller, George M. Cohan and other greats was born on Tin Pan Alley.

The buildings were put up for sale earlier this fall for $44 million, with plans to replace them with a high-rise. The construction plan fell through amid the turmoil in the economy, but the possibility of losing the historic block hastened efforts to push for landmark status for Tin Pan Alley.

"The fear of these buildings being sold for development crystallized their importance, and the need to preserve them," said Simeon Bankoff, executive director of the Historic Districts Council, a nonprofit preservation organization aiming to secure city landmark status for the buildings, which would protect them from being destroyed.

The Landmarks Commission is "researching the history of the buildings and reviewing whether they'd be eligible for landmark designation," said Lisi de Bourbon, a spokeswoman for New York's Landmarks Preservation Commission.

No date has been set for a decision, which she said depends on "a combination of historical, cultural and architectural significance."

The block is sacred to Tim Schreier, a great-great-grandson of Jerome H. Remick, whose music publishing company occupied one of the houses and employed a young sheet music peddler named George Gershwin.

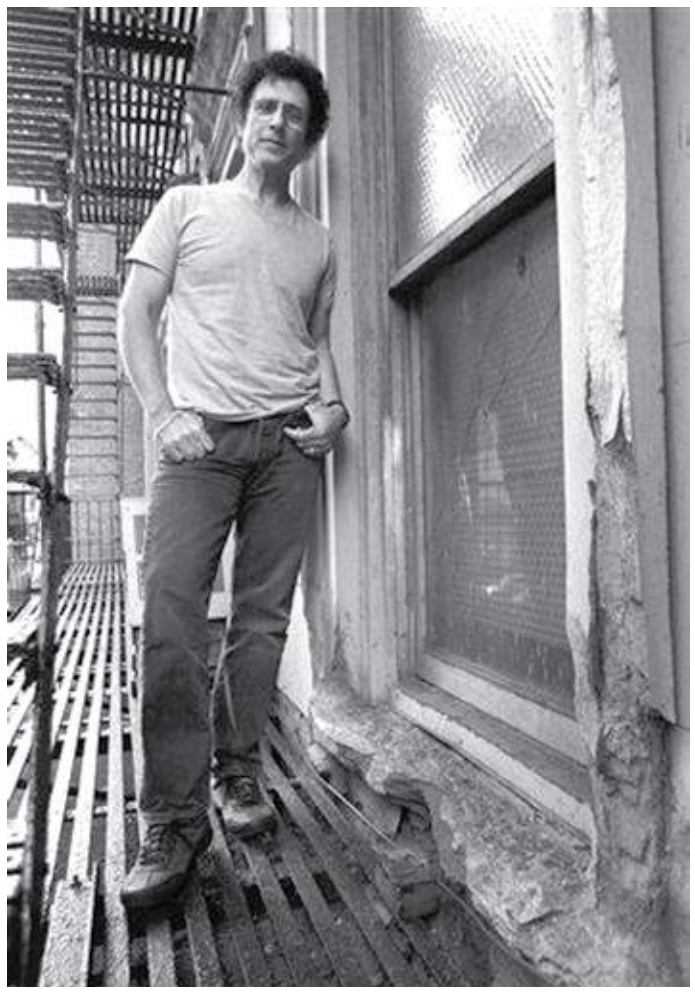
"I'm not opposed to development in New York, but we have to balance development with history—and this is definitely American cultural history," said Schreier.

From the late 1880s to the mid-1950s, the careers of songwriters who are still popular today were launched from the buildings at 45, 47, 49, 51, 53 and 55 West 28th.

Nearby, high-rise condominiums have pushed out old brownstones. The four-story Tin Pan Alley buildings house street-level wholesale stores selling clothing, jewelry and fabrics; eight apartment units fill the upper floors.

It's a noisy neighborhood, with trucks beeping as they back up amid street hawkers selling bootleg movies and knockoff perfumes. A century ago, the windows of music companies broadcast a cacophony of competing piano sounds that earned the area the nickname Tin Pan Alley, to describe what one journalist said sounded like pounding on tin pans.

Leland Bobbe, a 59-year-old photographer, has been renting his apartment at Remick's old building since 1975. He says it's important to salvage the buildings in a neighborhood "that has lost its uniqueness. It's just another symbol of what New York was and what it will no longer be."



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Tin Pan Alley tenant Leland Bobbe stands on a scaffolding next to a crumbling window frame outside his second-floor apartment in the Chelsea neighborhood in New York, Thursday, Oct. 16, 2008.

Met 'Damnation' offers high-tech art and athletics

NEW YORK (AP)—High-tech circus meets grand opera. That's a quick way to sum up the Metropolitan Opera's production of Hector Berlioz's masterpiece, "La Damnation de Faust," which opened Friday at Lincoln Center.

It took computers and motion-sensitive cameras to create the pulsating water, fire, sky and grass that are the cinematic backdrop for the drama.

Even digitally generated birds cross the heavens in response to the tenor's fluctuating voice, triggered by a transmitter attached to the singer.

The spectacle was directed by Robert Lepage, creator of a Cirque du Soleil show in Las Vegas, who brought both art and athleticism to the Met stage with what he calls his high-tech "toys"—the latest in motion and sound technology.

The production features an all-star cast: tenor Marcello Giordani in the title role of the lonely, aging scholar Faust; mezzo-soprano Susan Graham as Marguerite, the object of the fleeting sexual ecstasy that destroys him; and bass-baritone John Relyea as Mephistopheles, who has a devil of a good time engineering the debacle.

Based on Goethe's "Faust," the Berlioz work was premiered in Paris in 1846 and first staged by the Met in 1906 - and never again till now.

The composer called it a "legende dramatique."

It was, indeed, a dramatic evening—a lavishly modern, multimillion-dollar production wrapped around a taut, technically polished reading of the score.

As Marguerite, Graham has the ideal voice for Berlioz - a mezzo with a dark richness that blossoms into lush soprano-like tones - and she's a perfect instrument for the devil's seduction of Faust's pure soul.

Graham joined Giordani for a magnificent rendition of "Ange adore" (meaning "adored angel")—a love duet combining her radiant tones with his ascensions to sweet, high notes for a sublime blend of voices.

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In this photo provided by the Metropolitan Opera, Susan Graham portrays Marguerite and Marcello Giordani portrays Faust, during the final dress rehearsal of Berlioz's "La Damnation de Faust," at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York, Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2008.

The tenor has vastly expanded his acting and vocal palette in recent years. At 45, Giordani exuded both Faust's terror and tenderness as he transforms the desperate, solitary scholar into an overwrought lover and, finally, a broken man seeking solace in his immense hymn to nature, which Giordani sang with noble, heartfelt intensity.

Relyea as Mephistopheles was masterful, tossing off the devil's cunning with virtuosic bravura and a chocolaty tone - a serpent-like figure in red leather reeling in his unsuspecting prey, Faust.

James Levine conducted with ease and brilliance, though he could have led the orchestra with greater ferocity in certain climactic moments. The horns and winds were powerful and precise, and the strings exuded a velvety sheen, switching to Berlioz's sardonic passages with bite and grit.

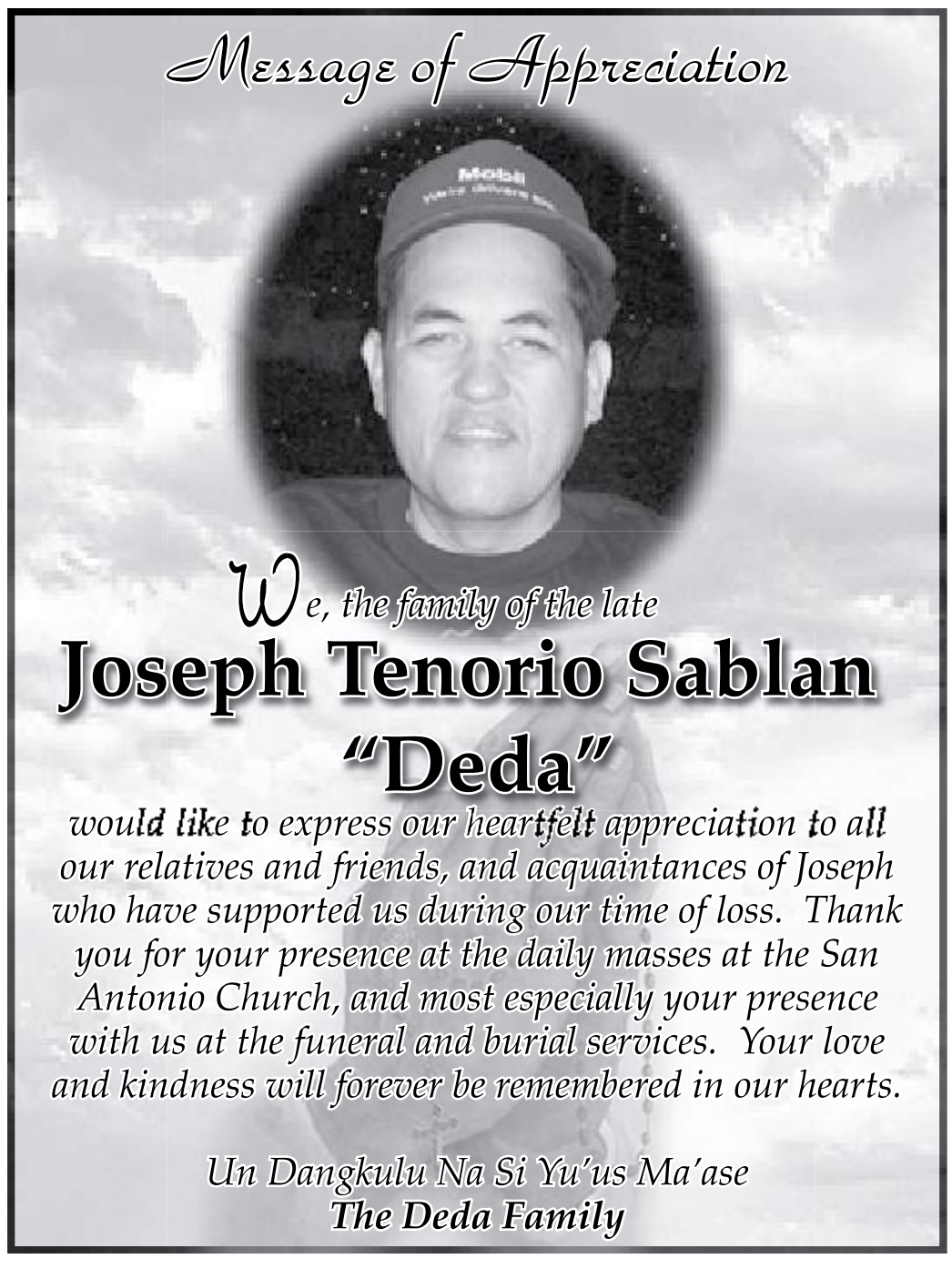
But the overarching star of the evening was undoubtedly the Met chorus.

With stupendous outbursts of vocal intensity, the choristers drove the drama from a raucous mock-fugue in Latin to demons singing triumphantly of the "mystery of horror" to the hushed, heavenly voices at the end, capped by singing children dressed in white. The chorus brought an incandescent spiritual power to the production - in contrast with the muscular athleticism of figures climbing the sets like high-wire circus performers.

The Met stage was dominated by a scaffold divided into two dozen panels - a framework for projections changing with each scene. At one point, the ladder that serves to mount Faust's scholarly bookshelves becomes part of a crucifixion, with a Christ-like human figure suspended from it.

Lepage and his Quebec-based company Ex Machina used similar technology for KA, his multimedia work for Cirque du Soleil in Las Vegas four years ago.

"La Damnation de Faust" is to be transmitted worldwide in movie theaters as part of "The Met: Live in HD" series on Nov. 22 at 1 p.m. EST.


Message of Appreciation
We, the family of the late
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The Deda Family

Rockettes to debut first arena tour

CINCINNATI (AP)—The Rockettes—the world-famous precision dance troupe that has entertained audiences at New York's Radio City Music Hall for 76 years—are bringing their flashy high kicks and precision tapping to arenas for the first time.

The special large-scale version of the "Radio City Christmas Spectacular" designed specifically for arena settings will make its world premiere at Minneapolis' Target Center on Friday night.

The cast and crew were in Cincinnati last week rehearsing before the whirlwind 60-day tour brings them back to this city in late November.

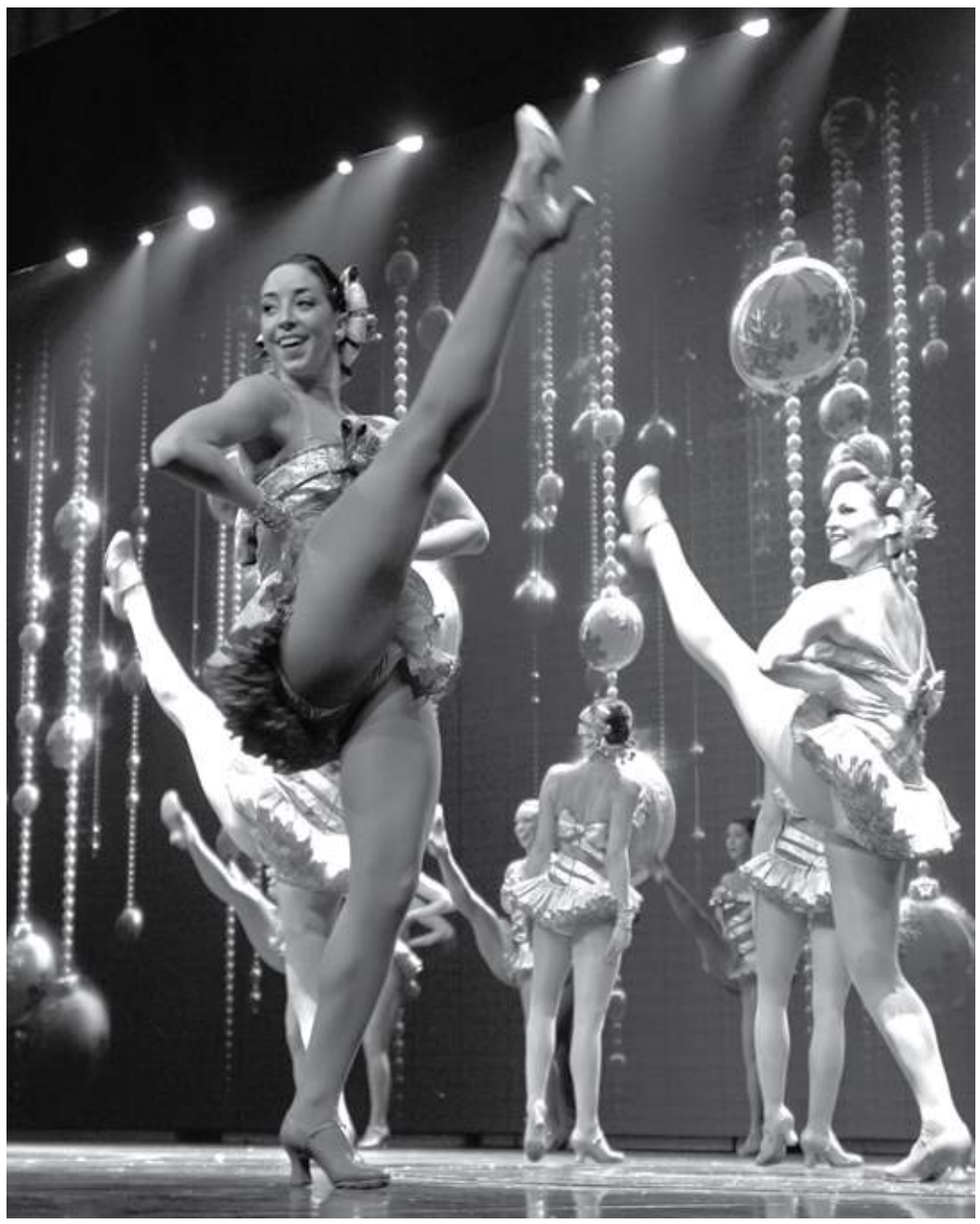
The leggy chorus line of Rockettes—along with Santas flying over the audience, ice skaters, live fireworks and a living Nativity scene with live camels—descends on arenas in 18 cities across the Midwest and South.

Smaller, edited versions of previous Radio City Christmas shows have toured before in a few cities, but always in theater settings, said Jonathan Hochwald, executive vice president of productions for Madison Square Garden Entertainment, which owns and operates Radio City, the Rockettes and the Christmas show.

"We wanted to duplicate what we do in New York, but in a one-of-a-kind live entertainment experience, and using large-scale venues like arenas holding 7,000 to 12,000 people was the only way to do it right," Hochwald said.

Billed as the largest, most ambitious production of the famed holiday extravaganza, the multimillion-dollar touring version replicates last year's 75th anniversary spectacular while adding a secondary stage and special effects not possible in theater settings. The secondary stage where ice skaters entertain extends into the audience, and Santas fly overhead rather than just across the stage, providing a three-dimensional perspective not found in theaters, Hochwald said.

Moving a live show with more than 175 cast and crew members, 1,300 costumes, 10 live animals, 2,500 pounds (1,135 kilograms) of artificial snow, flying sequences, and special effects requires a lot of logistical planning, said Jeff Capitola, vice president of touring productions for MSG Entertainment. He said 34 trucks and 13 buses are needed to transports sets, cast and crew over 4,900 miles during the 60-day tour.



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The Radio City Rockettes rehearse a routine for the Radio City Christmas Spectacular, Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2008, in Cincinnati.

"We are traveling with our own medical team and a caterer who will provide 35,000 dinners in the next two months," Capitola said.

MSG Entertainment turned to Tait Towers Inc., which has designed staging for rock tours by U2, the Rolling Stones and Madonna, to build the complex stage set.

"We had to create a structure that can be dismantled in four hours," said James Fairorth, president of Tait Towers. "I think this rivals any spectacular that U2 or the Rolling Stones have put on."

Backstage is a beehive of activity with Rockettes required to change costumes eight times during the show—sometimes in as little as 78 seconds.

Onstage, traditional favorites such as the precision tap routine with Rockettes dressed as toy soldiers in crisp red and white military uniforms topped with tall black hats remain an essential part of the spectacular.

Rockette Marcella Seymour sat at the Cincinnati rehearsals watching her fellow dancers perform the toy soldier routine that she says she never tires of watching or performing.

"I was 5 when my father took me to see my first Christmas show at Radio City, and my eyes lit up when I saw those beautiful ladies performing," said Seymour, who said that was when she decided to be a Rockette. "I think this new show will just blow the audience away."

New routines add more modern choreography and high-tech backdrops and effects. In one routine, a full-size wooden double-decker bus filled with dancing Rockettes pivots in front of a huge LED video screen showing scenes of Manhattan, giving the impression of an actual bus tour.

The arena tour is exciting for the Rockettes. Jaime Windrow has previously performed only in the New York show but asked to be part of the new tour.

"It's a chance to be part of history with this brand-new, huge production," Windrow said.

Other U.S. and Canadian cities could be added over the next two years, with an international tour a possibility, Hochwald said.

Outspoken priest, novelist Andrew Greeley injured

PARK RIDGE, Ill. (AP)—The Rev. Andrew Greeley is in critical condition at a Chicago-area hospital after falling and fracturing his skull.

The Chicago Sun-Times reported Saturday that the 80-year-old Catholic priest and best-selling novelist is stable at a hospital in Park Ridge.

Greeley's family says he snagged his jacket in the door of a taxicab Friday afternoon and fell. Friends say he suffered bleeding on the brain.

Greeley has written more than 50 novels, many of them international mystery thrillers. He writes a column for the Sun-Times that explores the relationship between religion and politics.

Leader of New York's City Opera is stepping down

NEW YORK (AP)—The general manager-designate and artistic director of City Opera, who was aiming to revolutionize the company as it renovated its Lincoln Center home, is leaving his position amid deep financial problems at the organization.

City Opera issued a statement Friday confirming the news about the departure of Gerard Mortier before he took on the job full time in the 2009-10 season. City Opera had already scrapped its season at Lincoln Center while construction was under way and said it would now abandon at least some of the plans Mortier had for future productions.

As the opera assessed its fundraising prospects in the weak economy, its leaders concluded they wouldn't have the resources to carry out Mortier's aims, board chairwoman Susan L. Baker said in an interview. The painful decision had to be made now because of a looming deadline for printing brochures cementing the 2009-10 schedule, she said.

"You can't proceed on a wing and a prayer. You have to have it in hand," Baker said of the necessary funding. "We have to be financially prudent."

New works commissioned from Philip Glass and Charles Wuorinen are unlikely to be presented, Baker said. Glass' opera was to imagine the final months in the life of Walt Disney; Wuorinen's was on the theme of the Oscar-winning film "Brokeback Mountain."

A plan to stage Oliver Messiaen's "Saint Francois D'Assise" at the Seventh Regiment Armory also will probably be called off, she said.

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In this Sept. 1, 2008, file photo, Gerard Mortier addresses journalists prior to a meeting of the Richard Wagner Foundation council in Bayreuth, Germany.

Other productions Mortier had planned for 2009-10 and the following season may go on, depending on talks between him and his replacement, whom Baker said the opera hoped to find within three weeks.

She said Mortier had made "extraordinary plans" for his first three seasons with City Opera. That included pushing aside some traditions while staging contemporary works and taking opera to the city's neighborhoods, perhaps to such locations as Harlem's Apollo Theater.

"We're terribly disappointed for all the venues we had planned to appear at," Baker said.

The Belgian-born Mortier, 64, is departing less than two years after he was named to the job amid great fanfare and a reputation for staging daring new shows in Europe, including the Salzburg festival in Austria. He brought impressive credentials to the new job, including a successful run at the Paris Opera, and promised to revitalize the New York organization as it moved back to the New York State Theater.

In a statement also issued by the company, Mortier said he came to City Opera "because the board shared my enthusiasm for the great potential of this company to change people's lives."

He said he had wanted "to bring New York a new experience of the transforming emotional power of opera," and that he and the board had worked hard "to revise the budget in the light of the current economic climate."

However, he said, "the significantly reduced funds available" made that impossible.

With no 2008-09 performances at the State Theater because of the renovation, the opera expects to run a deficit of $5 million to $7 million this season, Baker said.

The board was aiming for a budget of about $60 million, but despite layoffs could approve far less. In his current year at the Paris National Opera, Mortier is working with a budget of about $300 million.

In past years, City Opera has been seen both as more innovative and more "American" in its productions than its wealthier Lincoln Center neighbor—and sometime rival—the Metropolitan Opera.

Baker said her board is now "actively assessing its options and developing a plan to move the company forward."

As renovations continue at Lincoln Center, City Opera will go forward this season with two performances of a concert version of Barber's "Antony and Cleopatra" at Carnegie Hall and some orchestra concerts featuring composers Mortier had programmed.

Parole hearing set for suspect in Hudson deaths

CHICAGO (AP)—The convicted felon suspected in the killings of the mother, brother and nephew of singer Jennifer Hudson has a parole hearing Monday and could be released if an administrative officer finds no reason to hold him.

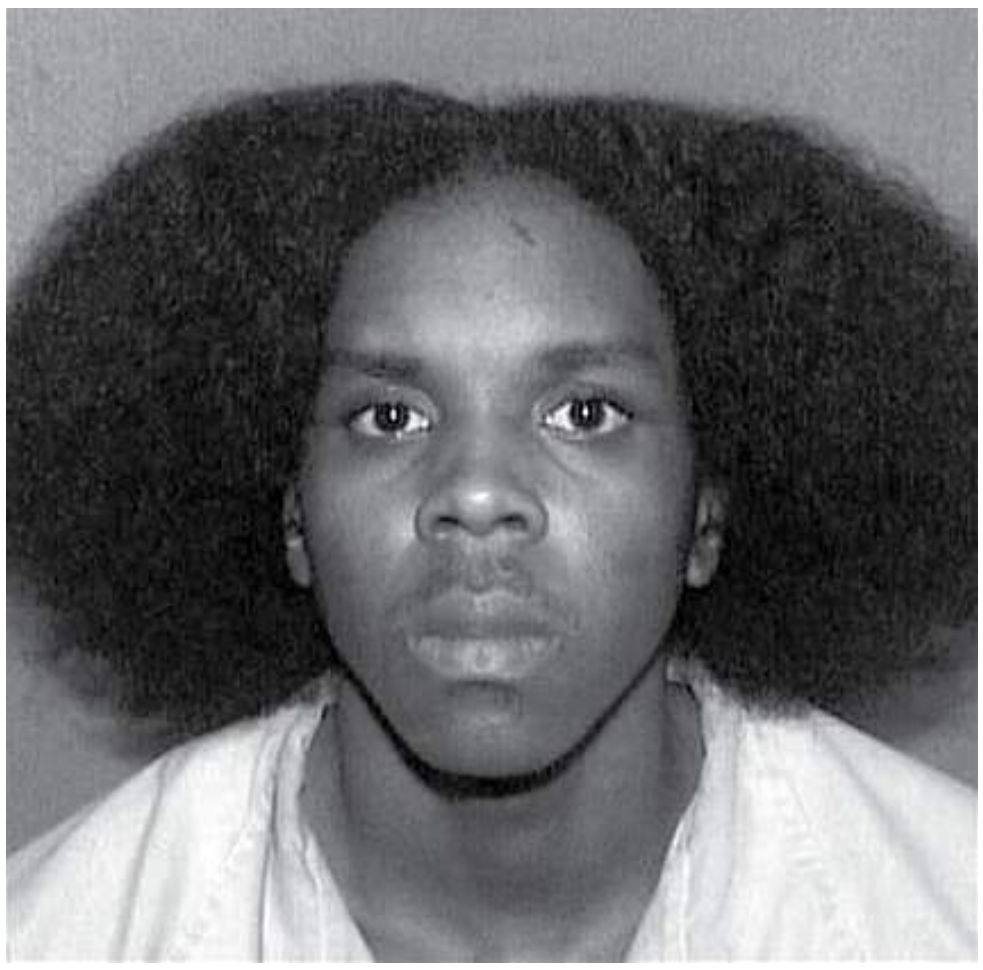
No one has been charged in the shootings, but authorities have called 27-year-old William Balfour a "person of interest."

Balfour is in custody on a parole violation. He is the estranged husband of Julia Hudson, sister of the singer and actress.

The chairman of the Illinois Prisoner Review Board, Jorge Montes (HOR'-hay MON'-tehs), says that if an administrative officer finds cause to continue holding Balfour, the case then would go to a review board for a hearing.

However, Montes says "conceivably" Balfour could be released.

Police spokeswoman Monique Bond said the investigation of the killings is continuing and is independent of the prisoner review board's decisions.



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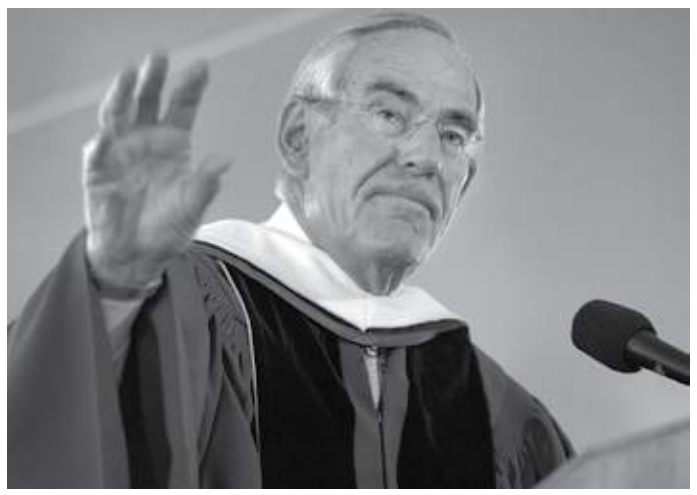
This undated photo provided by the Illinois Department of Corrections shows William Balfour.

Report: FBI kept file on writer David Halberstam

NEW YORK (AP)—The FBI tracked the late Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author David Halberstam for more than two decades, newly released documents show.

Students at the City University of New York's Graduate School of Journalism obtained the FBI documents by filing a Freedom of Information Act request. The university posted the documents on its Web site Thursday.

The FBI monitored Halberstam's reporting, and at times his personal life, from at least the mid-1960s until at least the late '80s, the documents show. The agency released only 62 pages of a 98-page dossier on the writer, citing security, privacy and other reasons.



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In this May 20, 2006, file photo, Author David Halberstam delivers the commencement address at Bentley College in Waltham, Mass.

Halberstam won a Pulitzer in 1964 for his coverage of the Vietnam War while working as a reporter for The New York Times. In 1972, he wrote "The Best and the Brightest," a best-selling book critical of U.S. involvement in Southeast Asia.

It's unclear when the FBI began monitoring Halberstam, though the first documents made public date from 1965, when he was a Times correspondent in Poland during the Cold War.

The agency kept tabs on Halberstam's reporting there and his first marriage, to Polish actress Elzbieta Czyzewska, the documents show.

The files include published reports of Polish officials expelling Halberstam and Czyzewska from the country because of his news stories about Poland's communist leaders. The documents also include stories written by Halberstam and telephone company records of calls to him.

In 1971, FBI agents considered interviewing Halberstam, according to the documents. They don't say why agents wanted to talk to him or whether they ever did. The last document released is dated 1987.

'Akeelah' star Keke Palmer's new role: fashion maven

LOS ANGELES (AP)—She was a girl quarterback in "The Longshots," a reluctant school spelling champ in "Akeelah and the Bee" and a rope-skipping double Dutch competitor in "Jump In!"

Now teen actress Keke Palmer can add fashionista to her repertoire.

As the star of "True Jackson, VP," she plays a 15-year-old fashion maven who, to the chagrin of her older co-workers, lands a job as head of a major label's youth division.

The series suddenly has Palmer paying attention to labels and designers.

"Before, I was just like, 'Anything that looks good, throw it on,'" she laughed.

Although still not a fashion expert, the 15-year-old says she otherwise isn't that different from her character.

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In this Sept. 18, 2008 file photo, actress Keke Palmer poses on the press line at the "6th Annual Teen Vogue Young Hollywood Party" in Los Angeles.

"She's a lot like me," she says of True Jackson. "She's persistent and hardworking and doing an adult job at a young age."

The show makes it debut Saturday on the Nickelodeon cable network.

Murder trial scheduled for 'Sopranos' actor

NEW YORK (AP)—The murder trial of "Sopranos" actor Lillo Brancato Jr. is scheduled to begin just days after his co-defendant is sentenced.

A Nov. 17 trial date was set Friday for Brancato. He is charged in the December 2005 slaying of off-duty New York City police Officer Daniel Enchautegui (Enchow-TAY'-gee).

Co-defendant Steven Armento, who shot the officer, was convicted of first-degree murder Oct. 30. He faces life in prison without parole at his Nov. 14 sentencing.

Authorities say Enchautegui confronted Armento and Brancato when the two broke into an apartment to steal prescription drugs.

Brancato has said he didn't know Armento had a gun.

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This Feb. 25, 2005 file photo shows Lillo Brancato, Jr. in New York. "Sopranos" actor Lillo Brancato Jr.'s murder trial is set to start days after his co-defendant is sentenced.

The 32-year-old actor played an aspiring mobster in HBO's "The Sopranos."

Mom's descent into alzheimer's consumes her daughter's life

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My beautiful, loving mother is now in the middle stages of Alzheimer's disease. This cruel disease has robbed her of her memories as well as the ability to reason and function.

She held my hand through every trial and triumph in my life, and I want to support her the way she has always supported me. But caring for Mama is becoming more and more difficult as she drifts further and further away. Not only am I caring for my mother, I also have a career and three children.

I have so little time to myself. From the financial considerations to the behavioral challenges to safety concerns, I can't keep my head above water. Please tell me what to do.

OVERWHELMED IN CINCINNATI

DEAR OVERWHELMED: I'll try. I know from personal experience how difficult it is to see a loved one face the changes that Alzheimer's disease brings. Although you feel alone and overwhelmed right now, the truth is you are not.

Today, an estimated 10 million Americans are caring for someone with Alzheimer's or another dementia. More than 40 percent of them rate their emotional stress level as high or very high, and it is a danger to their health.

Some signs to be aware of: feeling you have to "do it all yourself" and that you should be doing more; withdrawing from family, friends and activities that you used to enjoy; worrying that the person you care for is safe; feeling anxious about money and health-care decisions; denying the impact of the disease and its effect on your family; feeling grief or sadness that your relationship with the person isn't what it used to be; becoming frustrated and angry when the person continually repeats things and doesn't seem to listen; and having health problems that are taking a toll on you.

If any of these apply to you, it is important that you take care of your own physical and mental health. Make time to talk to your doctor and contact the Alzheimer's Association because it offers a full range of services. The toll-free number is (800) 272-3900 or visit www.alz.org and take the Caregiver Stress Check interactive quiz. You will find with it a list of helpful referrals there.

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DEAR ABBY: I am 43, and my boyfriend, "Sid," is 52. We have been together a year and a half. I was married once, and Sid has been married three times. He wants to live together, and I want to be engaged with a wedding date before I move in.

We truly love each other and communicate very well. Because of a previous rebound marriage that lasted only a year, Sid is cautious about making another mistake. After we had been together for a year, I gave him a year to make up his mind about marriage. In the months that followed, I could tell from some of the remarks he made that he had no burning desire to be married any time soon.

After five months of listening to those statements, I gave Sid an ultimatum. He asked me for a week to think about it, then he told me he still wasn't ready -- he needed a few more months. So I broke up with him. Was I right in giving Sid an ultimatum?

OUT OF PATIENCE IN MIAMI

DEAR OUT OF PATIENCE: Let me be sure I have the math right. If you promised Sid another year to make up his mind and then gave him an ultimatum after five months and one week, then you jumped the gun. If you gave him the second year and he continued to stall, then you did the right thing. After three wrong turns down the aisle, Sid is no longer the marrying kind.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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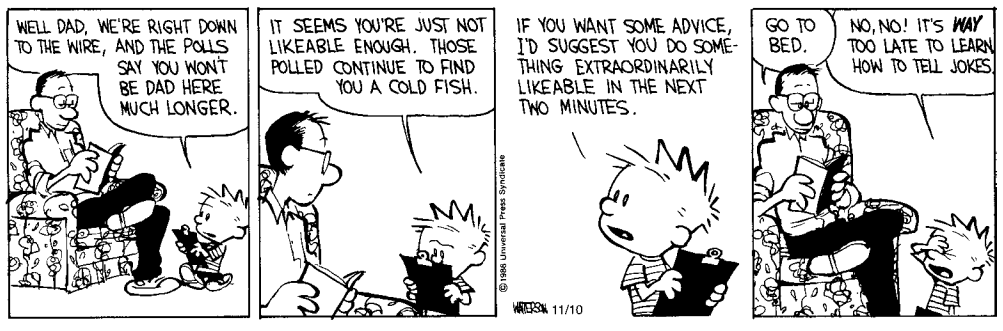
By Bill Waterson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IF YOU WANT SOME ADVICE, I'D SUGGEST YOU DO SOMETHING EXTRAORDINARILY LIKEABLE IN THE NEXT TWO MINUTES.
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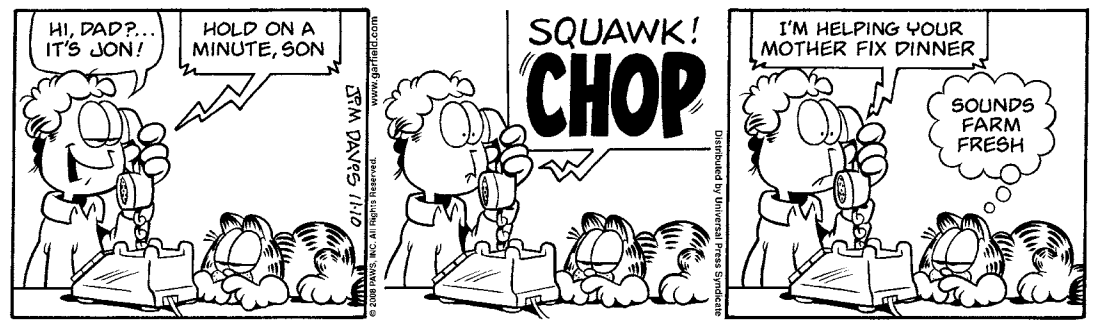

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By Bryan Basset

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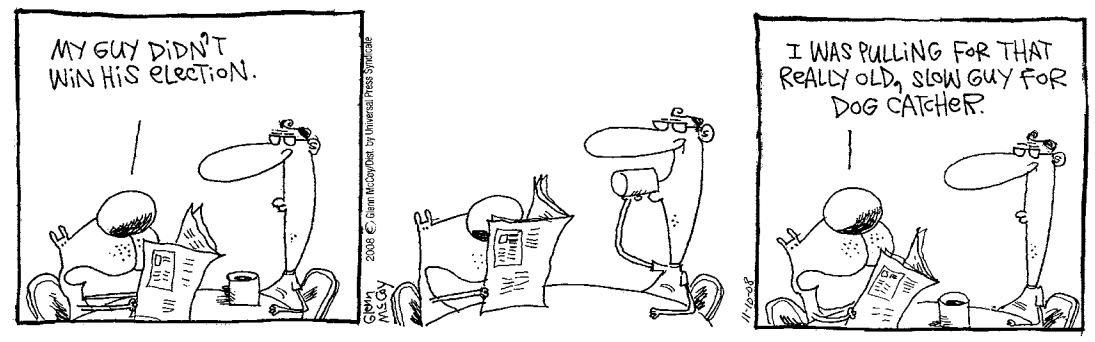
By Glenn McCoy


MY GUY DIDN'T WIN HIS ELECTION.
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I WAS PULLING FOR THAT REALLY OLD, SLOW GUY FOR DOG CATCHER.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Possess
4 Beast of burden
7 Frost
11 USPS delivery
13 Fun and games
14 Foot fraction
15 Capri or Wight
16 Scratch
17 Attend
18 Larceny
20 Netting
22 AAA job
24 Get smart
28 Sleepwear
32 Interruption
33 "Once — a time ..."
34 Jewel
36 Birds' home
37 Pinochle ploys
39 Worldly septet
41 Houston team
43 Friend
44 Egyptian goddess
46 Hook-nosed Muppet
50 Titanic vanquisher
53 Uppermost
55 Lumber
56 Provo's state ...
57 ... and its country
58 Beach stuff
59 Carry on
60 Pea house
61 Fellows

DOWN
1 Leave out
2 Cleanse
3 Cleopatra's river
4 Upper limb
5 Line of fashion?
6 Threaded nail
7 Timeline points
8 Lennon's lady
9 Performance
10 Pi follower
12 On both sides
19 Huck's chum
21 Part of R.S.V.P.
23 "— the Dog"
25 Fencing prop
26 Cold War initials
27 Household critters
28 Cougar
29 Tarzan's clique
30 Shock somewhat
31 Wield a needle
35 Clear the decks
38 "Help!"
40 Run-down horse
42 Stop slouching
45 Mediocre
47 Ark builder
48 Region
49 Probability
50 Plant prickle
51 Timetable abbr.
52 Took off
54 Writing tablet

Solution time: 24 mins.

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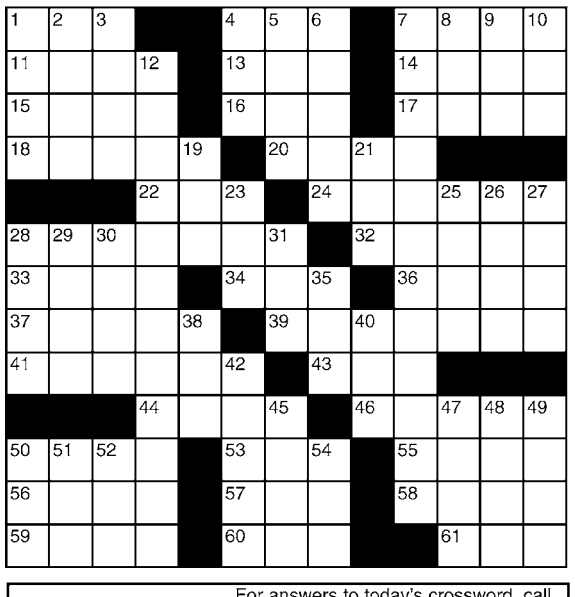
Saturday's answer 11-10



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Eve, 30; Brittany Murphy, 31; Mackenzie Phillips, 49; Sinbad, 52

Happy Birthday: This is no time to relax or to coast along. Effort, imagination, structure and hard work will all be required to finish what you started. Success is just around the corner if you pay the price of dedication and time. Face the future with strength, courage and the will to achieve—and you will. Your numbers are 9, 13, 18, 25, 29, 38, 46

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Emotions will get the better of you if you can't separate what's really important from what will pass with time. Focus more on home and family and a little less on what outsiders think. You can get back on track financially. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Hidden agendas will surface when you least expect. Too much of anything will work against you. A partnership will cost you if you are trying to impress with a cash donation or paying for someone's way. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Do what you can to make your home more convenient and comfortable. Don't waffle regarding issues or concerns that others have. Be direct and, if it doesn't work for you, take a pass. This is not the time to spend money you do not have. ✪✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Don't second-guess what you know in your heart you should be doing. Get on with your plans, even if you aren't totally ready. You will gain momentum and, although it will be hectic, the results will be good. ✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Don't let things get you down at home or regarding some of your partnerships. You need to put a little excitement back into your life. Plan an outing with friends or take a mini trip. It's good to reward yourself once in a while. ✪✪✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Spend on your surroundings, not on frivolous items that you don't really need. It's time to firm up on a deal or to get your papers in order before year's end. Talk to someone who can contribute solutions to a problem you are facing. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Don't be fooled into thinking that something is a done deal when you haven't signed on the dotted line. Protect your interests so you don't end up with nothing. Emotional matters will escalate if you make a poor decision. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): You can get more for your money if you are shrewd in your dealings. Negotiations will go well as long as you stay in control and refuse to settle. Use your knowledge and expertise as leverage and you will get what you want. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Make changes on the home front and don't look back. Accept a challenge and resolve it so you can move on. Problems with authority or someone who wants something from you will prevail. ✪✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): An oversight on your part could be costly. Make sure you double-check your facts and figures. A change in your professional direction or regarding your status will pay off. A big splash will get you a higher return. ✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Use your charm to get ahead. Now is not the time to give in. Love is in the stars and will develop if you engage in a cause or you join a club or group that interests you. You need to interact with more people. ✪✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Start thinking about your future. Procrastinating and listening to idle promises will stop you from making a move. Make the changes that will encourage your success. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are determined, relentless and courageous. You are quick to react and are not afraid to ask for what you want.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★ 11/10

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

1	2	3	6	8	7	4	5	9
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4	6	7	9	2	3	1	8	5

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By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

INDIAN NAAN BREAD **Solution: 9 letters**

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Last Saturday's Answer: Cambridge

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James scores 41 again to lead Cavaliers past Bulls

CHICAGO (AP)—LeBron James scored 41 points against Chicago for the second time in four days, and the Cleveland Cavaliers hung on for a 106-97 victory Saturday.

James was at it again after a big performance in a 14-point win over Chicago at home Wednesday night. This time, he scored the first eight points of the fourth quarter to start a 15-0 run as the Cavaliers turned a three-point deficit into an 89-77 lead. And he hit two key 3-pointers after Chicago cut it to two in the closing minutes.

It was a difficult night for the Bulls, who learned guard Kirk Hinrich will miss up to three months with a thumb injury. Andres Nocioni's 3-pointer made it 96-90 with 3:30 left and two more jumpers by Ben Gordon made it 96-94 with 2:15 remaining.

James answered with a 3-pointer from the wing and, after two free throws by Gordon, struck again from long range, leaping after the shot went in. That made it 102-96 with 1:28 remaining, and the Cavaliers hung on from there.

James hit 13 of 29 shots in his seventh straight game against Chicago with 30 or more points and had 13 rebounds. Gordon scored 29 points for Chicago.

Magic 106, Wizards 81

At Orlando, Florida, Dwight Howard had a season-high 31 points and 16 rebounds, and also blocked three shots to help Orlando beat winless Washington for its fourth straight victory.

Howard, who leads the NBA in blocked shots, hit 11 of 13 shots and nine of 14 free throws. Mickael Pietrus added 18 points, and Keith Bogans had 13 for Orlando (4-2).

Nick Young had 20 points for the Wizards (0-5), the only team in the Eastern Conference without a victory this season.

AP

Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James goes up for a shot against the Chicago Bulls' Ben Gordon, left, in the fourth quarter during an NBA basketball game in Chicago, Saturday, Nov. 8, 2008.

Hornets 100, Heat 89

At New Orleans, Chris Paul had 21 points and 13 assists for his sixth straight double-double to help New Orleans down Miami and snap a two-game losing streak.

Paul set an NBA record for consecutive games at the start of a season with at least 20 points and 10 assists, breaking the mark set by Oscar Robertson in 1968.

Paul also had seven rounds. David West added 21 points for New Orleans. Dwyane Wade led the Heat with 30 points, and Udonis Haslem added 12.

Pacers 98, Nets 80

At Indianapolis, Danny Granger scored 23 points to lead Indiana past New Jersey, making 10 of 12 free throws to offset 6-for-17 shooting from the field.

Indiana guard T.J. Ford nearly had a triple-double, but settled for 13 points, nine rebounds and eight assists. Troy Murphy had 17 points and 10 rebounds.

Vince Carter led New Jersey with 31 points.

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Suns 104, Bucks 96

At Milwaukee, Shaquille O'Neal had 29 points and 11 rebounds for Phoenix in his return from a one-game break.

O'Neal was 12-of-16 from the field a night after skipping a game in Chicago as part of a strategy to occasionally rest him during the season.

Amare Stoudemire added 22 points, making 18 of 20 free throws to help the Suns beat the Bucks for the fifth straight time.

Ramon Sessions led Milwaukee with 23 points.

Trail Blazers 97, Timberwolves 93

At Portland, Oregon, LaMarcus Aldridge had 24 points and 12 rebounds, Brandon Roy added 24 points and nine assists to help Portland beat Minnesota and improve to 3-0 at home.

Al Jefferson finished with 27 points after starting off 3-for-10 from the field for Minnesota in its fifth straight loss. Mike Miller had 14 points and six assists.

NFL BRIEFS

NFL rescinds fine against Giants DE Justin Tuck

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP)—The NFL has rescinded a $7,500 fine against New York Giants defensive end Justin Tuck for a hit on Dallas Cowboys quarterback Brooks Bollinger last weekend. Ray Anderson, the NFL's vice president of operations, called Tuck on Friday night to inform him of the change, the Giants said in an e-mail on Saturday. Tuck had insisted the hit was legal and Giants coach Tom Coughlin agreed with his player on Monday. Tuck hit Bollinger in the midsection as the quarterback released a pass and his momentum carried both to the ground on the third-down play in the fourth quarter. Tuck was penalized for roughing the passer. The league originally determined that Tuck had unnecessarily driven Bollinger to the ground and issued the fine on Friday.

Orton practices, but start vs. Tenn. unlikely

LAKE FOREST, Ill. (AP)—Chicago Bears quarterback Kyle Orton practiced Friday for the first time since getting injured, but an appearance in Sunday's game at Soldier Field against the unbeaten Tennessee Titans appears unlikely. Orton, who sprained his right ankle last Sunday against the Detroit Lions, was doubtful on the official injury report after working out Friday only during individual passing drills. "I can't go that far," Bears coach Lovie Smith said when asked if Orton's first practice meant he could start Sunday. "He's making progress. This is the first day where he's actually able to do anything, so making progress. Beyond that I don't know." Rex Grossman, who finished last Sunday's game, is the likely starter against Tennessee. Four players who missed all or part of last Sunday's game with Detroit went through a full practice Friday and were listed probable: safety Mike Brown (calf), linebacker Hunter Hillenmeyer (thumb), receiver Brandon Lloyd (knee) and defensive back Danieal Manning (hamstring). Cornerback Charles Tillman practiced on a limited basis Friday due to a shoulder injury and is questionable for the game.

Safety James Butler to miss Giants game on Sunday

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP)—New York Giants safety James Butler will miss Sunday night's game against Philadelphia with a knee injury, coach Tom Coughlin said Friday. Kenny Phillips, the team's first-round draft pick this year, will replace Butler and make his first NFL start. "I look at it as an opportunity to eventually become a starter," Phillips said. "I hate that it happened like this, but I'm just going to take advantage of my opportunity." Phillips, the 31st overall pick from Miami, has played well so far as a sub. He has 30 tackles and intercepted a pass to seal the Giants' 21-14 win over Pittsburgh on Oct. 26. "He had a good week of practice," Coughlin said. "I think he is (ready). He has played a lot—it's not like he hasn't been on the field. He has been on the field extensively in a lot of different categories." Butler was hurt in last Sunday's 35-14 win over Dallas and didn't practice Wednesday. The fourth-year player returned Thursday on a limited basis, but was declared out when he was not able to practice Friday. "It was painful and I couldn't run how I wanted to," Butler said. "If you can't play at your highest level, then you shouldn't go out there."

Jets LB Harris officially ruled out vs. Rams

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. (AP)—New York Jets linebacker David Harris was officially ruled out Friday for the team's game against St. Louis this weekend. Harris, who leads the Jets with 52 tackles, reportedly had surgery on his injured groin this week and is expected to miss at least two to three weeks. He hasn't practiced the past two weeks after being hurt in the second quarter of the Jets' 28-24 victory over Kansas City on Oct. 26. Coach Eric Mangini has declined to address the injury or reports of a surgical procedure, other than to say it appeared "it's a longer shot" for him to play this week. Veteran David Bowens is expected to start in Harris' place for the second straight game. He had five tackles and a sack against Buffalo last Sunday. Safety Eric Smith and tight end Bubba Franks were also ruled out for the game against the Rams.

Marino shoots 66, ties for Disney lead

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP)—Steve Marino shot a 6-under par 66 Saturday to tie Scott Verplank for the lead heading into the final round of the $4.6 million Children's Miracle Network Classic at Disney World.

The second-year PGA tour member will play with Verplank and Davis Love III, two players with Ryder Cup experience, PGA wins and who were in each other's wedding, in the final threesome Sunday. Verplank and Marino are tied at 19-under 197 after three rounds.

"Those guys are legendary for me. I watched them growing up," said Marino, seeking his first tour win in 65 starts. "They won't intimidate me, make me nervous, but at the same time I know where they've been, what they've done."

Troy Matteson, tied for the second round lead, shot a 69 to fall into a tie for fifth, three shots back.

After 64s in his first two rounds, Verplank shot a 69. He bogeyed No. 18 at the Magnolia course after doing the same on the Palm course Friday. Love shot a day-low of 64 to tie Scott Sterling for third, two shots back at 199.

"I'm happy that I'm sitting here," said Verplank, who is leading this tournament after three rounds for the third time. "I'm not disappointed. I wouldn't be happy if I was spinning my wheels."

Last year Verplank led after three rounds, but finished in a tie for third. In 2003, he led but finished in a tie for second.

"I'm hoping this time it will work out a little better for me," he said.

Erik Compton, who's had two heart transplants and got a sponsor's exemption, shot a 72 and is 13 strokes off the lead. He'll be playing in the second-round of Q-school next week, only six months after his second transplant.

With the tees moved back on several holes, and fairways still soft from early week rain, the courses player tougher than earlier in the tournament.

Marino has made through three rounds without shooting worse than par on any hole.

Love, coming off an ankle injury that kept him out for six weeks this summer, is playing the Fall Series, something he normally does not do.

"When I walked out, I said, 'I don't know who these guys are,'" he said. "I met them on the first tee."

Verplank said he's impressed by how well Love is playing so soon after his injury.

"When you do that, it takes a while to get back," he said. "As long as you even think about it even a little bit, it bugs you."

Love is ranked 96th in the latest money winning projections ($1.13 million), and will retain his PGA card. Golfers need to finish in the top 125 to keep their card.

A win Sunday, though, would be his 20th career victory, giving him a lifetime exemption.

"I'm not worried about the exemption," he said. "I just want to win."

Verplank and Marino will be trying to keep streaks alive. Verplank has played 14 straight tour rounds at par or better since the BMW Championship in September. Marino is trying to become the first player to play a bogey-free tournament and win since Lee Trevino at the 1974 Greater New Orleans Open.

"I've got something to shoot for tomorrow," Marino said.

Marino's three-round total is the lowest of his career and marks the first time he's led a tournament heading into the final round.

Verplank is ranked first this weekend in putting. Marino is ranked first in hitting fairways and greens in regulation.

Alabama hangs on to win Saban Bowl II

BATON ROUGE, Louisiana (AP)—After the Crimson Tide missed a chip-shot field goal on the final play of regulation, John Parker Wilson scored on a 1-yard sneak in overtime to give No. 1 Alabama a 27-21 victory over No. 15 LSU on Saturday, clinching a spot in the Southeastern Conference championship game.

The Tide (10-0, 6-0 SEC) has its eyes on a bigger prize, of course, and stayed on course for its first national title in 16 years. This was its toughest test yet, coming at a school Saban led to a share of the national championship in 2003.

No. 2 Texas Tech 56, No. 8 Oklahoma State 20

At Lubbock, Texas, proving the No. 2 ranking and win over Texas was no fluke, Graham Harrell and Michael Crabtree picked up where they left off and routed Oklahoma State.

After losing a fumble on the game-opening drive, Harrell led the Red Raiders to touchdowns on their next seven drives, capping three of them with TD passes to Crabtree. Harrell finished 40-of-50 for 456 yards and six touchdowns.

Iowa 24, No. 3 Penn State 23

At Iowa City, Iowa, Daniel Murray hit a 31-yard field goal with a second left and Iowa rallied to stun the Nittany Lions, likely dashing Penn State's hopes for a spot in the BCS national title game.

No. 4 Florida 42, Vanderbilt 14

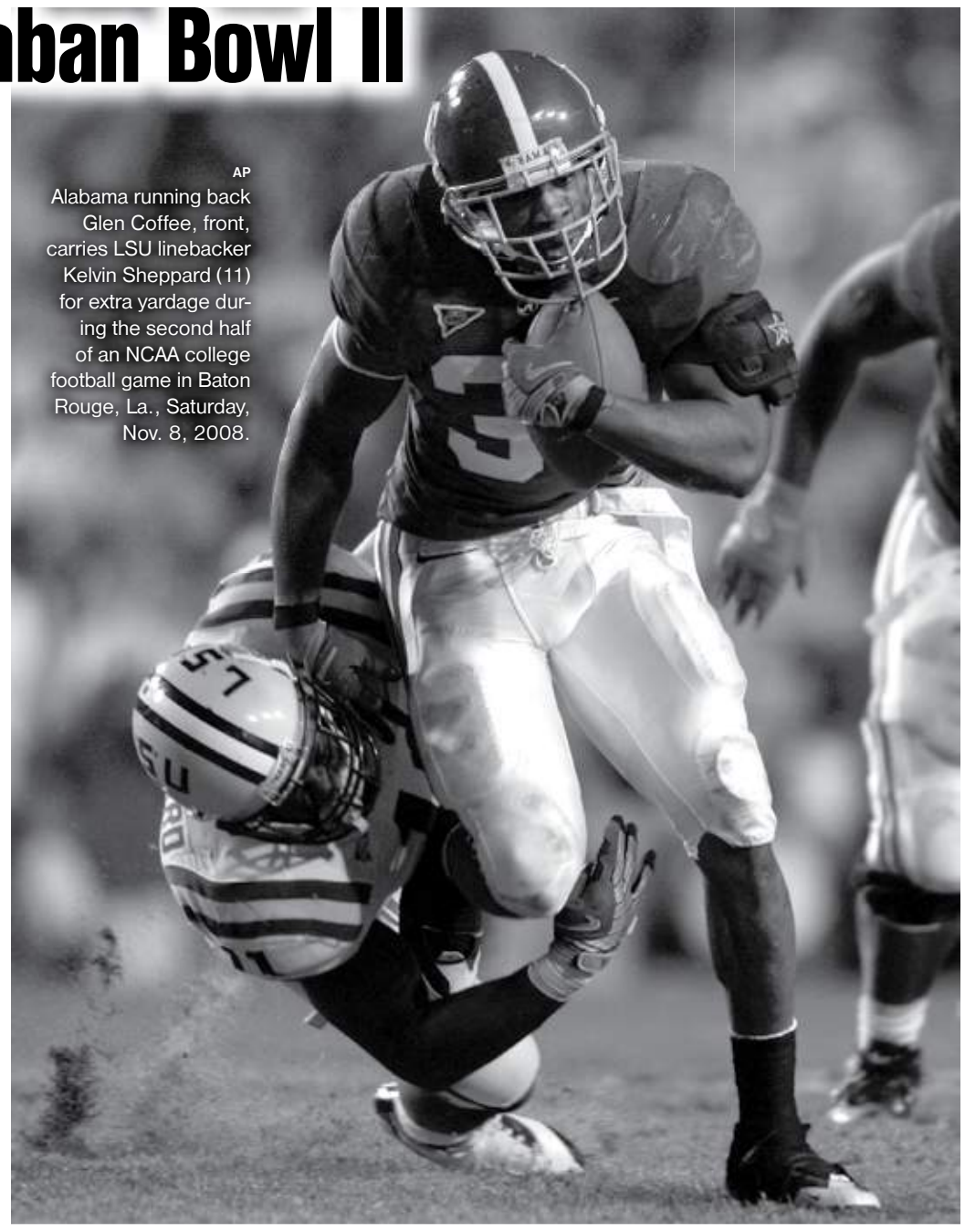
At Nashville, Tennessee, Tim Tebow threw for three touchdowns and ran for two more, and Florida clinched the SEC Eastern Division title for the second time in three years.

No. 5 Texas 45, Baylor 21

At Austin, Texas, Colt McCoy passed for 300 yards and five touchdowns, Ryan Palmer returned an interception 22 yards for a tiebreaking score and the Longhorns beat Baylor for a much-needed rebound victory a week after their last-second loss at Texas Tech.

No. 6 Oklahoma 66, Texas A&M 28

At College Station, Texas, Sam Bradford threw touchdown passes to four different receivers, Chris Brown ran for three scores and Oklahoma started fast again and routed Texas.



AP
Alabama running back Glen Coffee, front, carries LSU linebacker Kelvin Sheppard (11) for extra yardage during the second half of an NCAA college football game in Baton Rouge, La., Saturday, Nov. 8, 2008.

No. 7 Southern California 17, No. 21 Cal 3

At Los Angeles, Mark Sanchez threw two touchdown passes, and USC's defense battered No. 21 California to keeping its national championship hopes alive.

The win was the sixth straight for the Trojans (8-1, 6-1 Pac-10), who have outscored the opposition 231-23 since losing 27-21 as 25-point favorites at Oregon State.

No. 9 Boise State 49, Utah State 14

At Boise, Idaho, Kellen Moore threw for 362 yards and two scores, and two Boise State receivers threw touchdown passes and the Broncos stayed unbeaten.

The Broncos (9-0, 5-0 Western Athletic Conference) rolled up 563 total yards and held the Aggies to 44 yards rushing and forced six turnovers.

No. 12 Ohio State 45, Northwestern 10

At Evanston, Illinois, Terrelle Pryor threw for three scores and Chris "Beanie" Wells ran for two more, leading Ohio State over Northwestern that showed the Buckeyes are definitely over their loss to Penn State two weeks ago.

No. 13 Missouri 41, Kansas State 24

At Columbia, Missouri, Jeremy Maclin scored three touchdowns and totaled 278 all-purpose yards, helping Missouri shake off a slow start in its home finale and whip Kansas State to grab first place in the Big 12 North.

No. 14 Georgia 42, Kentucky 38

At Lexington, Kentucky, Matthew Stafford threw for 376 yards and the go-ahead touchdown to A.J. Green with 1:54 remaining to lift Georgia over Kentucky.

Knowshon Moreno ran for 123 yards and three scores and wide receiver Mohamed Massaquoi atoned for two fumbles by hauling in a career-high eight receptions for 191 yards and a touchdown as the Bulldogs (8-2, 5-2 Southeastern Conference) survived a major scare from the Wildcats (6-4, 2-4).

No. 17 BYU 41, San Diego St. 12

At Provo, Utah, Max Hall threw three touchdown passes and Austin Collie had his eighth straight 100-yard receiving game for BYU, which set a school record with its 18th straight home win.

No. 18 Michigan St. 21, Purdue 7

At East Lansing, Michigan, Javon Ringer scored two touchdowns and Michigan State used a dominating defense to down Purdue and stay alive in the Big Ten title chase.

The Spartans (9-2, 6-1 Big Ten), who are off next week, will rest up for a Nov. 22 showdown at No. 3 Penn State, with at least a share of the conference title on the line.

No. 19 North Carolina 28, No. 22 Georgia Tech 7

At Chapel Hill, North Carolina, Ryan Houston ran for a pair of fourth-quarter touchdowns to help North Carolina beat Georgia Tech.

Cameron Sexton added two touchdown passes for the Tar Heels (7-2, 3-2 Atlantic Coast Conference), who earned a critical win in the muddled Coastal Division race and ensured their first winning season in seven years.

Cincinnati 26, No. 20 West Virginia

At Morgantown, West Virginia, Tony Pike threw a 2-yard touchdown pass to Kazeem Alli in overtime to lift Cincinnati to a win over West Virginia, creating a three-way tie atop the Big East.

No. 24 Florida State 41, Clemson 27

At Tallahassee, Florida, Christian Ponder threw for a touchdown and ran for another and Antone Smith ran for two scores and Florida State defeated Clemson on coach Bobby Bowden's 79th birthday.

No. 25 Pittsburgh 41, Louisville 7

At Pittsburgh, wide receiver Aundre Wright ran 7 yards for his first college touchdown after having a long scoring run called back by a holding penalty and Pittsburgh turned four turnovers into scores while routing Louisville.

Calzaghe dominates Jones to go out a winner

NEW YORK (AP)—Joe Calzaghe toiled for years in relative obscurity, winning titles and building a virtually unmatched resume—but never venturing from Europe to challenge boxing's best.

It turns out he should have done so long ago. There was nothing at all to fear.

The popular undefeated Welshman overcame a first-round knockdown to beat Roy Jones Jr. in a bloody one-sided unanimous decision Saturday night, delighting a raucous crowd at Madison Square Garden that seemed to be heavily in his favor.

After winning a close decision over savvy veteran Bernard Hopkins in April, Calzaghe has little left to prove on boxing's biggest stage, and few can fault him if he follows fellow British star Lennox Lewis into retirement at his peak.

"This year I just beat two legends, with Hopkins and Jones, and I came to the United States to do it," Calzaghe said. "I took the risk. They didn't come to me. I took the risk."

With blazing hand speed and a constant push forward, Calzaghe (46-0) opened a deep gash over Jones' left eye in the seventh round, forcing the ringside doctor to take a close look at it. The bout was allowed to continue, blood flowing down Jones' face, but it hardly mattered after that.

"Super" Joe indeed looked super.

All three judges scored the light heavyweight fight 118-109 for Calzaghe, as did The Associated Press, every round going to him after the first.

"The pitter-pats were harder than I thought," said Jones, who couldn't see out of his left eye in the later rounds. "I don't know. He won the fight. He definitely won the fight."

The numbers certainly back it up.

Calzaghe threw a staggering 985 punches, landing 344 of them, to just 475 for Jones, according to CompuBox statistics. The number landed by Calzaghe was the most by a Jones opponent in 31 fights tracked by CompuBox.

"I knew I had to make Roy Jones respect my punches," Calzaghe said. "I think I did. I think I stunned him on a few exchanges."

Calzaghe said he doesn't fancy rematches, but Hopkins was sitting ringside and would love nothing more than to reprise a fight he still believes he won. Mikkel Kessler was also on hand, the Danish champion who gave Calzaghe everything he could handle in their super middleweight unification.

Then there's IBF champion Chad Dawson, who called Calzaghe out almost the moment the fight ended, issuing a press release in which he offered to fight in Wales.

"I just stepped out of the ring 15 minutes ago," Calzaghe said, smiling. "Let me enjoy the fight now before I think about another fight. What do you think I am, man, a sadist?"

The bout figured to hinge on Calzaghe's ability to pressure Jones, who works well against the ropes, without getting caught by his speedy left hook.

It landed right off the bat, knocking Calzaghe to the floor midway through the first round, not unlike the flash knockdown Hopkins scored against him in their April bout.

"Yeah, it was a good shot," Calzaghe said, "but I came back stronger."

Jones (52-5) stood defiantly in the center of the ring when the first-round ended, chants of "USA, USA" filling the arena, the crowd undoubtedly pleased that the 39-year-old Jones showed at least some of the hand speed that once made him so dangerous.

But just like the Hopkins fight, Calzaghe began to outwork his opponent.

The taller Welshman backed Jones against the ropes and into corners, pounding him with relentless body shots. When the 36-year-old Calzaghe circled back to the middle of the ring, Jones walked directly into another barrage of hands that seemed to come at all angles.

When Jones put his gloves to his face in defense, Calzaghe would drop his own and lean in close, peering in as if looking right into Jones' eyes. Then another flurry of punches would spring forward, most of them catching flush.

"I felt really relaxed tonight with my hands at my side," Calzaghe said. "That's just my style and I felt in the rhythm. After the first round I was a little weary, but I knew if I just fought my style I would be OK."

Jones has had trouble with slick southpaws in the past, losing a stunning second-round knockout to Antonio Tarver in May 2004, then losing their rematch by decision. Along with a knockout loss to Glen Johnson, many began calling for Jones to spare his stellar career any more embarrassment.

Dropping their promoters to put the fight together themselves assures Calzaghe and Jones, taking a 50-50 split, each a hefty payday.

That along with the severe beating he received might be enough for Jones to finally hang it up himself, after four losses in his last seven fights.

"I don't know what's next," the former pound-for-pound king said. "I don't know."

Century on a roll in San Mig caging

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Century Insurance matched the longest winning streak in the Inaugural 2008 PILCOWA-San Miguel Beer Basketball League, gaining its fourth consecutive victory after outclassing Diamond Auto Care, 100-97, Saturday night at the CIC Centre Basketball Court in Garapan.

MIGS was the first team to nail fourth straight wins, before Century foiled its bid for a fifth win in a row with the latter scoring a 98-94 upset over the former last week. MIGS regained its form after whipping Olivos/Realiance Construction, 88-72, in the second game Thursday night.

Century played heads up basketball in the last 1:07 of the match to pull off a three-point triumph and improve to a 4-1 record, tying MIGS' record in string of victories. Century's lone loss was against Aon Insurance during the league's opener last month.

A breakaway layup by Jawn Joyner broke the last deadlock of the game, while William Opone had a steal, and Larry Palero collared an offensive rebound and split his charities to help Century preserve the win.

Ronald Delos Reyes tied the match when he made an undergoal stab in the last 1:07 of the game, 97-all, and had chance to give Diamond the lead when he drew a foul from Opone on his way to the basket. But Delos Reyes, who canned his previous four charities, missed the bonus shot.

Century secured the rebound and set up its offensive play with Bing Marasigan finding Opone underneath the basket for an alley-hoop. But Opone muffed the shot and Diamond regained possession and sprinted to their frontcourt.

Brendo Talania threw a crosscourt pass to Junar Guiab who was slightly open from the left baseline and pulled up for a short jumper, but missed.

There was a battle for the possession near the midcourt with Wowie Abuel wisely tapping the ball to Joyner as the former had no clear control of the ball.

Joyner picked up the ball and went for a fastbreak layup, putting Century back in the driver' seat, 99-97, with 11 seconds left on the clock.

Guiab quickly inbounded from the baseline and threw a pitch to Esdrelon, but Opone intercepted the long pass. Esdrelon quickly fouled Opone to stop the clock, which read nine seconds.

Opone drilled his charities in his last two trips to the 15-foot line, but failed to deliver under pressure missing both free throws. Fortunately, Palero was there to grab the offensive rebound and was fouled by Delos Reyes, with four seconds remaining in the game. Palero missed his first free throw, but gave Century an insurance basket when he made the second one.

Guiab inbounded the ball to Robert Tamondong, who was forced to jump to save the ball from going out of the right sideline in front of their bench and still had the presence of mind to kick it out to Esdrelon.

Esdrelon had a good look at the basket from beyond the arc, but his triple fell short, ending Diamond Auto Care's chances to send the game in overtime.

Palero and Abuel paced Century with 20 points apiece, while Marasigan and Joyner chipped in 18 and 15 points, respectively.

Guaib led Diamond Auto Care with 28 points, but it was not enough to save his team from absorbing its second straight loss.

In the second match, Bonbon Cadagat and Sonny Lerio redeemed themselves from unimpressive games against Century, combining for 37 points in their 15-point win over Olivos.

First Game

Century Insurance 100 – Abuel 20, L. Palero 20, Marasigan 19, Joyner 15, Vinas 11, Opone 8, de la Torre 4, Gapor 4.

Diamond Auto Care 97 – Guiab 28, Esdrelon 25, Ranola 20, Delos Reyes 16, Talania 12.

Scoring by quarters: 25-26, 53-59, 80-77, 100-97.

Second Game

MIGS 88 – Cadagat 20, Bernardo 20, Lerio 17, Basila 10, Tamayo 6, Capalad 4, Doronilla 4, Pantaleon 2, Banatasa 2, Demapan 2, Moises 2.

Olivos 72 – De Vero 20, Montano 14, Arreza 13, Mendoza 12, Mercurio 7, Mendiola 4, Casabueno 2.

Scoring by quarters: 23-22, 40-37, 64-47, 88-72.

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On, Kimoichi, MHS Oakies, and Off Twice.

Karakuchi , MHS Peers, and Thai One On finished the regular season with similar 6-4 records.

To break the tie, organizers had to go the teams' points scored in the regular season. Karakuchi won with its 580 points against the MHS Peers' 577 placing the former to third and dropping the latter to fourth.

Thai One On settled for fifth place with its 483 points.

There was also a tie for sixth to eighth place with Kimoichi, the MHS Oakies, and Off Twice carding identical 5-5 slates.

Kimoichi secured the No. 6 slate with its 559 points, followed by the MHS Oakies (537), and Off Twice (524).

Pairings in the first round of the playoffs will be Acme Roofing vs. Off Twice; Enyophace vs. MHS Oakies; Karakuchi vs. Kimoichi; and MHS Peers vs. Thai One On.

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for third place, following a 75 gross (37-38).

Jason Lee (76), RGA president Adam Hardwicke (77), and Jin Ahn (77) completed the Top 5.

The first-place finish was worth $300 for Man, while Wabol and Manibusan went home with $200 and $100, respectively.

In ladies gross, Shirley Jones was without peer after topping a four-player field with her 88 (45-43) and pocketed a cool $300 for her effort. Terry Attao came in second with her 102 (53-49) and earned $200.

Lizama, however, wound up with the day's biggest payday after topping the double peoria category with his 62.2. He actually finished with a score of 91 but came away with the tourney's top peoria score after his 28.8 handicap was deducted.

Jones (66.4) finished second to Lizama followed by Tom Tebuteb (67.4). Lizama, Jones, and Tebuteb were awarded $500, $300, and $200 for their performances.

Tony Benavente and John Mettao finished inside the Top 5 with scores of 67.6 and 68.4, respectively.

Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School was the beneficiary of some of the proceeds from the Inaugural RGA Memorial Classic, which was held to honor the club's departed members Plas Tagabuel, Sid K. Peter, and Tony Taitano.

For more information about the results of the RGA's 2008 Memorial Classic, contact Wabol at 233-3673, Ed Tenorio at 285-3305, Charlotte Camacho at 664-3400, Adam Hardwicke at 483-2326, George Cruz at 483-4655, and Martin Dalsaso at 286-6323.

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Tammy Ackerman will collide with Emily Jones.

Ackerman defeated Adele Hudkins, 6-2, to gain the first finals seat, while Jones nipped Gabrielle Race, 6-3, to secure the second finals slot.

The boys' 10-and-under finals will feature newcomer Kennedy Isuka challenging Dylan Ackerman.

Isuka advanced to the finals in his debut in the tournament after whipping Colin Ramsey, 6-3. Ackerman prevailed over Carl Dela Cruz in the other semis bout, 7-6.

Sisters Thea and Theecel Minor are likely to battle for the girls' 18-and-under crown, as they were leading the round-robin format with three and two wins, respectively.

The girls' 14-and-under division also has a round-robin format with Neghar Ratguiy and Ilia Corella facing in the finals after sweeping their matches over the weekend.

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Extra hitter Eldin Dela Cruz also went 3-for-3 and scored two runs and one RBI.

Robert Guerrero and Joe Tudela both went 2-for-2 for the Mayor's Office, which dropped to a 0-2 start.

Duplicating Law & Order's easy victory were the Beach Boys, who also needed only five innings to whip Hopwood, 15-1.

J.R. Suel went 3-for-3 at-bat for the Beach Boys, connecting on a two-run homer at the top of the fourth inning. He also scored two runs. First baseman B.J. Sablan was also flawless at-bat, hitting 3-for-3 and making two RBIs.

Steve Igisair pitched in no relief for the Beach Boys, allowing Hopwood to only five hits in the first three innings and giving up no runs.

Pitcher Mario Palacios scored Hopwood's lone run in the game at the bottom of the fourth inning on a John Pulur single. Palacios did a great job on the mound for Hopwood in the first two innings, allowing only three hits and giving up one run.

But it was a different story in the third inning, as the Beach Boys scored one run after another taking advantage of Hopwood's fielding and passing errors. The Beach Boys recorded nine runs at the top of the third to pull away, 10-0.

The similar wins gave Law & Order and the Beach Boys identical 2-0 record and put them in a share of the lead with Freedom Air, the Joeten Motors Jets, and Legislature.

The loss was Hopwood's second in as many games.

In other results, the Commonwealth Health Center notched a close 12-10 win over POI.

Leftfielder Lefty Shiro and shortstop Vince Rabauliman both hit 3-for-4 at the plate. Second baseman Bradle Ngiwakl was 1-for-4, but made a two-run double at the top of the third, where CHC had its most runs with five.

Frank Torres and Joe Duenas added one run apiece in the fourth inning to give CHC a 10-7 lead, and despite failing to score in the last three innings, CHC managed to escape with a two-run win on a double play at the bottom of the seventh inning.

POI was threatening to steal the win when it moved within two after six and a half innings. Luis Camacho led off at the bottom of the seventh, but was beaten to first.

Byron Sablan singled to keep POI's hopes alive, but not for long, as he was beaten to second base after third batter Mabel Ngirngemelas was tagged out to first.

POI is winless after two games joining six other teams at the bottom of the team standings in the 20-squad field.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	5	1	.833	–
New York	3	2	.600	1 1/2
Toronto	3	2	.600	1 1/2
New Jersey	2	3	.400	2 1/2
Philadelphia	2	4	.333	3

Southeast Division

Atlanta	4	0	1.000	–
Orlando	4	2	.667	1
Miami	3	3	.500	2
Charlotte	2	3	.400	2 1/2
Washington	0	5	.000	4 1/2

Central Division

Detroit	4	1	.800	–
Cleveland	5	2	.714	–
Chicago	3	4	.429	2
Milwaukee	3	4	.429	2
Indiana	2	3	.400	2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

Houston	4	2	.667	–
New Orleans	4	2	.667	–
Memphis	3	3	.500	1
Dallas	2	3	.400	1 1/2
San Antonio	1	4	.200	2 1/2

Northwest Division

Utah	5	0	1.000	–
Portland	3	3	.500	2 1/2
Denver	2	3	.400	3
Oklahoma City	1	4	.200	4
Minnesota	1	5	167	4 1/2

Pacific Division

L.A. Lakers	4	0	1.000	–
Phoenix	5	2	.714	1/2
Golden State	2	4	.333	3
Sacramento	2	4	.333	3
L.A. Clippers	0	6	.000	5

Yesterday's Games

Orlando 106, Washington 81
Indiana 98, New Jersey 80
New Orleans 100, Miami 89
Phoenix 104, Milwaukee 96
Cleveland 106, Chicago 97
Portland 97, Minnesota 93

DISNEY CLASSIC SCORES

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Florida (AP)–Scores Saturday from the Children's Miracle Network Classic, a $4.6 million (3.6 million euros) US PGA Tour event on two par-72 courses at Walt Disney Resort; 7,516-yard Magnolia Course and 7,010-yard Palm Course:

THIRD ROUND

Scott Verplank	64-64-69	197
Steve Marino	65-66-66	197
Davis Love III	66-69-64	199
Scott Sterling	70-63-66	199
Tommy Gainey	68-66-66	200
Robert Garrigus	65-67-68	200
Troy Matteson	63-68-69	200
Tim Petrovic	67-67-68	202
Bo Van Pelt	68-66-68	202
Ken Duke	66-67-69	202
Jason Gore	66-67-69	202
Kevin Streelman	64-69-69	202
Robert Gamez	65-67-70	202
Cameron Beckman	68-68-67	203
Tag Ridings	66-66-71	203
Joe Durant	68-68-68	204
Charles Howell III	68-68-68	204
Tim Clark	69-66-69	204
Brenden Pappas	71-66-67	204
Rich Beem	65-70-69	204
Martin Laird	68-66-70	204
Chris Stroud	70-68-66	204
Bob Estes	70-63-71	204
Woody Austin	68-68-69	205
Ryan Palmer	71-65-69	205
Stephen Ames	68-68-69	205
Ted Purdy	69-68-68	205
Michael Allen	70-67-68	205
Tom Pernice, Jr.	66-67-72	205
Harrison Frazar	67-68-71	206
Jeff Overton	67-68-71	206
Tim Wilkinson	68-66-72	206
Kevin Stadler	67-71-68	206
Matt Jones	70-64-72	206
Vaughn Taylor	68-71-67	206
Stewart Cink	66-70-71	207
Jimmy Walker	64-72-71	207
Bob Sowards	69-68-70	207
Michael Bradley	70-67-70	207
J.J. Henry	67-69-72	208
Lee Janzen	69-67-72	208
Jason Day	72-66-70	208
Steve Flesch	67-68-73	208
Robert Allenby	66-72-70	208
J.B. Holmes	71-68-69	208
Carl Pettersson	68-68-73	209
John Rollins	68-69-72	209
Omar Uresti	67-72-70	209
Tom Scherrer	69-68-73	210

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PILCOWA Standings

MIGS	5	1
Century Insurance	4	1
Aon Insurance	2	2
C&R/NRG	1	2
Diamond Auto Care	2	3
Olivos/Reliance Const.	1	4
San Miguel Light	0	4

NMIVA Standings

Acme Roofing	10	0
Enyophace	9	1
Karakuchi	6	4
MHS Peers	6	4
Thai One On	6	4
Kimoichi	5	5
MHS Oakies	5	5
Off Twice	5	5
MHS Serves Up!	1	9
Champ-On	1	9
MHS 67 Doh-Fins	1	9

The Week in Sports

Rotary, private school V-ball top headlines

Right, Rotary league regular season and Finals MVP Jericho Cruz, second left, poses with Saipan Rotary officials during the award ceremony for the youth league Thursday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Far right, the CNMI Junior Nationals' Marvin Rabauliman chases the ball down the baseline during their title match against the Rollers I in the Rotary caging Thursday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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Two leagues concluded last week showcasing the talents of youth athletes in the Commonwealth.

After more than three months, the 2008 Saipan Rotary Club Youth Basketball League finished its season with the CNMI Junior Nationals ruling the 18-and-under youth caging anew.

The Junior Nationals defeated the Southern Sonics in last season's finals, 98-91, and this year prevailed over the Rollers I Thursday night, 70-52, to successfully defend their title.

The Junior Nationals were also this year's pennant champion after posting an 8-0 record in the regular season.

Jericho Cruz of the Junior Nationals was named regular season and Finals MVP and led the Rotary All-Star Selection. The elite group was also composed of Cruz's teammate Marvin Rabauliman, the Sixers' Joe Ada and Ernest Duenas, Rollers I's Manny Matagolai, and the Kontenders' Trevor Ogumoro.

Nine teams competed in the Rotary caging with the San Antonio Sixers placing third and the G-Stars finishing fourth.

Players who saw action in the Rotary caging are high school student-athletes.

Student-athletes continued showing their wares Friday when Grace Christian Academy's high school team topped the 2008-2009 Coalition of Private Schools Volleyball League.

The Eagles defeated the Mt. Carmel School Knights in straight sets, 25-10, 25-11, to secure their fifth championship in a row.

Seventh Day Adventist pulled of an upset over Marianas Baptist Academy in the battle for third place.

Other high school teams that joined this season's volleyball league were Saipan International School Blue and Green and Calvary Christian Academy.

Over at the American Memorial Park tennis courts, 62 junior tennis players joined the 2008 Fall Classic Junior Tennis Championships.

Tournament director and NMI coach Jeff Race said this is a record number of entrants in the annual junior tennis event.

The CNMI was also making an attempt to shore up exposure for its athletes, but its bid to take part in the East Asian Games was politely thumbed down.

Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association president Michael White announced the bad news during NMASA monthly meeting Thursday night.

Longtime CNMI resident Mieko Carey needed no regional tournament to show her triathlon skills.

After winning the 2008 XTERRA Saipan Championships, Mieko earned a slot to this year's XTERRA World Championships in Maui where she finished third in the women's 30-34 age group

Carey nearly dropped out of the grueling 0.9-mile swim, 19.1-mile bike, and 6.9-mile run triathlon after suffering from stomach cramps in the two-wheel portion of the Championships.

Far left, the GCA Eagles pose with Grace Christian Academy principal Faith Dela Rosa after their title win over Mt. Carmel School in the 2008-2009 Coalition of Private Schools Volleyball League Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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Left, Kagman's Jester Kaipat, right, drives against Mt. Carmel's Geza Baka (9) during their game in the MISO caging Wednesday night at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

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Far left, Acme Roofing's Larry Sheri in action during one of their regular season games in the four-person beach volleyball tournament on the PIC sand court.

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Left, Olivos/Reliance Construction's Glen Mercurio, center, drives against two Diamond Auto Care defenders during their game in the Inaugural 2008 PILCOWA-San Miguel Beer Basketball League last week at the CIC Centre Basketball Court in Garapan.

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Mieko Carey takes the podium after placing third in the women's 30-34 age group of the XTERRA World Championships in Maui last month.

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Luther Lizama serves during his game against Kevin Rhee in the boys' 10-and-under division of the 2008 NMITA Fall Classic Championships Saturday at the American Memorial Park tennis courts.

Meanwhile, other leagues on Saipan continued their competition last week.

In the MISO caging, Kagman High School broke into the win column defeating Mt. Carmel School.

MHS Serves Up! also entered the winners' circle in the 2008 Miller Lite Four-Person Beach Volleyball League at the last day of the regular season of the annual event, beating Champ-on.

Acme Roofing swept the regular season with a 10-0 record.

In the Inaugural 2008 PILCOWA-San Miguel Beer Basketball League, Century Insurance and Olivos/Reliance Construction stunned separate foes at the CIC Centre Basketball Court in Garapan.

Century surprised pace-setter MIGS, 98-94, while Olivos/Reliance pulled off a 93-85 victory over Diamond Auto Care.

Action in the Budweiser 2008 Inter-Government/Business Softball League at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan Ballfield also continued last week with five teams tied for the lead with identical 2-0 records.

Tied for the No. 1 spot are Freedom Air, Beach Boys, Legislature, Joeten Motors, and Law & Order.

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James scores 41 again to lead Cavaliers past Bulls

LeBron James scored 41 points against Chicago for the second time in four days, and the Cleveland Cavaliers hung on for a 106-97 victory Saturday.

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Acme Roofing sweeps regular season

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Acme Roofing ended the regular season of the 2008 Miller Lite Four-Person Beach Volleyball League on perfect note, sweeping the MHS Peers in three sets last Thursday on the PIC sand court.

Acme Roofing pulled off a 21-18, 22-20, 22-20 victory to finish the regular season with a clean 10-0 slate and secure the league's pennant title.

The MHS Peers dropped to a 6-4 record.

Three other squads also capped their bids in the regular season on a winning fashion.

The MHS 67 Doh-Fins finally broke into the win column, slipping past Champ-On.

Champ-on took the opening set, 21-11, but lost composure in the last two sets allowing the MHS 67 Doh-Fins to escape with a 21-18, 21-14 triumph which ended the latter's nine-game losing skid.

Despite the win, the Doh-Fins are already out of contention for the playoffs, along with Champ-on and MHS Serves Up!

The MHS Serves Up! failed to win its last game of the season bowing to Off Twice in the second match of the last day of the regular season.

Off Twice clinched the win early when it swept the first two sets in similar scores 21-14, before MHS Serves Up! recovered and saved a 21-13 victory in the third set.

In the third game, Enyophace swept the MHS Oakies, 21-10, 21-19, 22-20.

Enyophace closed out the regular season in second place with a 9-1 record.

Acme Roofing and the MHS Peers played in the last match with the former securing the No. 1 spot in the playoffs after beating the latter.

The playoff round will start tomorrow with eight teams battling in a single-elimination format.

Joining Acme Roofing in the next round are Enyophace, Karakuchi, MHS Peers, Thai One

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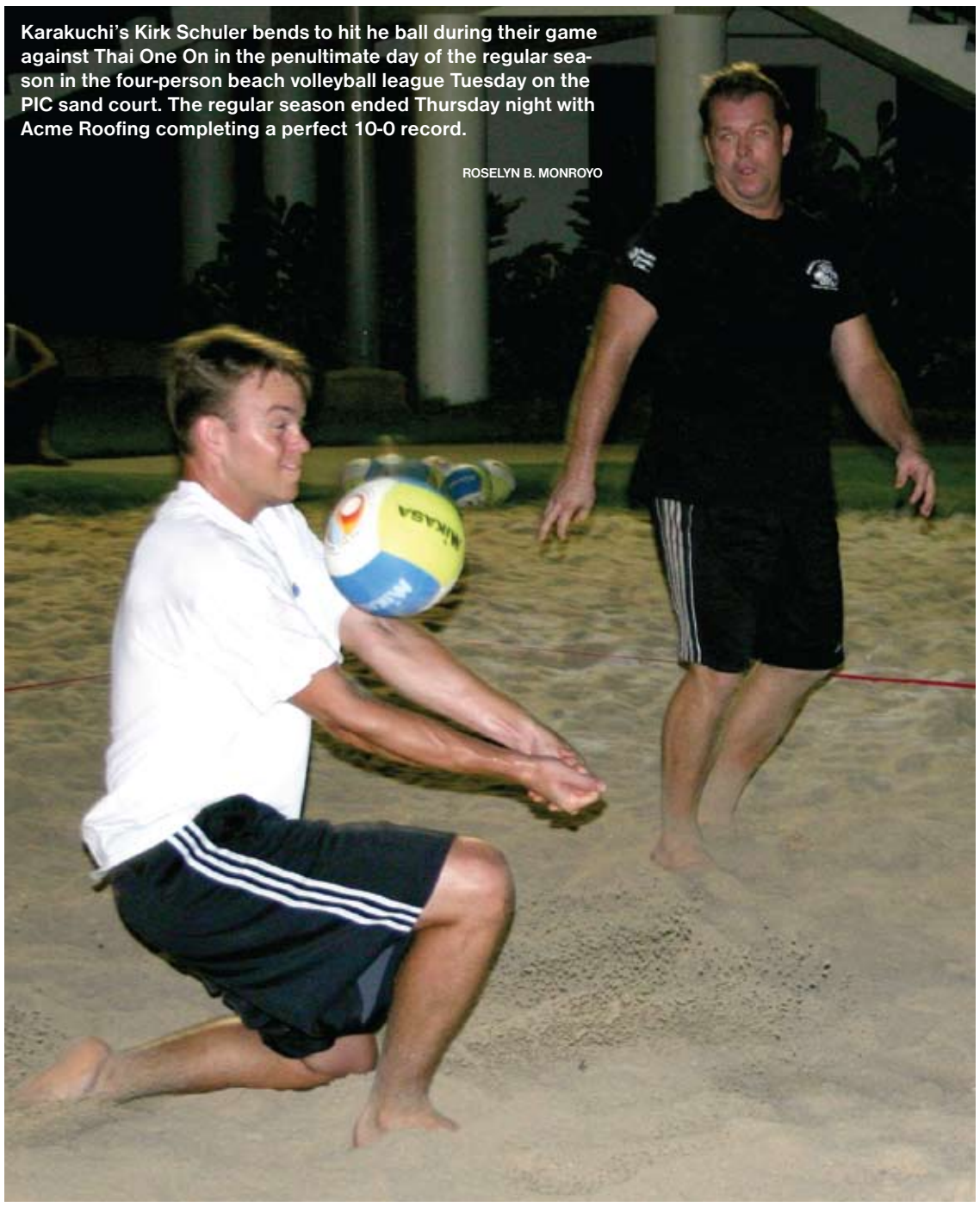

Karakuchi's Kirk Schuler bends to hit he ball during their game against Thai One On in the penultimate day of the regular season in the four-person beach volleyball league Tuesday on the PIC sand court. The regular season ended Thursday night with Acme Roofing completing a perfect 10-0 record.

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Lizama, Jones, Man top Memorial Classic

MARK RABAGO
Shirley Jones, left, came in second in the double peoria category and topped the ladies gross of last Saturday's Refaluwasch Golf Association Memorial Classic held at the Marianas Country Club in Marpi.

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Bae Young Man, Shirley Jones, and Joe Lizama were the big winners of last Saturday's Inaugural Refaluwasch Golf Association Memorial Classic at the Marianas Country Club in Marpi.

A total of 59 of the island's golf course habitués took part in the competition, and Man, Jones, and Lizama recorded the lowest scores in the men's and women's gross score and double peoria categories.

Man, who hails from South Korea but has made Saipan his home the past several years, was the only player to finish under par with a gross score of 1-under 71.

He was uncharacteristically sloppy in the front nine, needing two extra swings to finish with a 38. Man then tightened up his game in the final nine holes, taming the greens and fairways with a blistering score of 3-under 33 to finish under par.

RGA tournament director Jess Wabol came in second in the pre-handicap category, carding a 2-over 74 built around a 38 in the front and a 36 in the back.

Retired Superior Court president judge Edward Manibusan settled

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Sasamoto hits grand slam in Law & Order win

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Centerfielder Derek Sasamoto connected on a grand slam to lead Law & Order to a 23-8 demolition of the Mayor's Office in the 2008 Budweiser Inter Government/Business Softball League Thursday night Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan Ballfield.

Sasamoto made the rare feat in the fifth inning, which saw Law & Order capping its long-game dominance of the Mayor's Office with an 11-run top of the fifth.

Sasamoto finished the game with five RBIs, as he had a one-run triple in the first inning. He went 3-for-4 at the plate scoring two runs.

Before Sasamoto's grand slam, pitcher Tom Sakuma blasted a three-run homer, also at the top of the fifth inning, to finish 3-for-3 at-bat. Sakuma also nailed three runs.

Law & Order scored six runs apiece in the first and fourth inning before saving the best for last with Sasamoto and Sakuma hitting big.

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Miller earns return trip to Fall Classic finals

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Christian Miller prepares to pick up the ball, as R.J. Aquino, not in the photo, made a double fault during their quarterfinals match in the 2008 Fall Classic Junior Tennis Championships Saturday at the American Memorial Park tennis courts.

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Christian Miller avenged his loss to Jake Lee last season after winning in the semifinals of the boys' 14-and-under divisions singles in the 2008 Fall Classic Junior Tennis Championships yesterday at the American Memorial Park tennis courts.

Lee and Miller squared off for the boys' 13-and-under crown last year with the former prevailing, 8-5.

They had an early rematch in the semis, and this time Miller was on the winning side, 8-4, to advance to the finals and set up a title duel with his other rival—Rafael Jones.

Jones claimed the other semis ticket after outclassing Lucas Nutting, 8-2.

Nutting advanced to the semis after downing Daniel Park, 8-1. Lee and Miller defeated Clay McCullough-Stearns (8-1) and Tommy Choi (8-2) in the quarterfinals, respectively, to join Nutting in the semis.

Jones' quarterfinals foe was Chris Cajigan and the former had a hard time disposing off the latter, scoring a close 9-7 win.

Tournament director and CNMI coach Jeff Race said the Jones-Miller title duel is the game to watch tomorrow.

Miller and Jones had squared off for the championships in the past junior tournaments this year.

The anticipated boys' 14-and-under finals will be played at 10am.

Other title match set for tomorrow are Tinian's Benjie Decena versus Woo Suk Chang for the boys' 18-and-under singles crown.

Decena earned a finals ticket after beating Joseph Jang in the semifinals, 8-2. Chang shut out Nathan Nutting in the other semis pairing, 8-0.

In the girls' 10-and-under singles,

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